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INTRODUCTION

In order to preserve the data contained upon the card index in the office of the Superintendent of Buildings, which might be very easily lost through some unforeseen casulty, it was deemed by the complier desireable to duplicate these cards; this constitutes the only excuse for the present volumn, which it is hoped might be followed by later books to complete the work.

The Editor believes the data herein given to be correct, but would be grateful for suggestions of corrections or additions. It has been his endeavor to present only those buildings which have been used for public school purposes (either by the School Boards or under the direction of Boards of Trustees) which have later been acquired by the Board of Controllers of the Public Schools. There have been many buildings built as schools and rented, or loaned, rent free, to the Controllers which do not appear in these records. The one story frame Hart Lane School built about 1814 was used until the erection of the Boudinot School in 1874, the "Yellow School house" in Upper Roxborough, a stone school erected in 1812 and used by the Controllers until the opening of the Andora School in 1870 and Paul Beck's School on Catharine Street above Sixth still used by the Board, might be cited in this connection. To enumerate the hundreds of churches, halls, residences, etc., which the Controllers have from time to time rented for school purposes would have greatly exceeded the intent and scope of this work, it has been the intention, rather, to give a record as complete as possible of the school buildings from the earliest record down through the hundred years following. Those established by, and continued by Religious Bodies, and private or "pay" schools have been omitted, except where they have later been acquired by the Public School Boards.

The descriptions of buildings herein given are intended to be as they originally were at the time of their erection or purchase. The

dates of their erection has been given only when in the judgement of the Editor such dates were correct. Where this date was not known, as in the case of Church or other buildings purchased and fitted up for school purposes, the date of acquisition has been given.

It is rather a sad commentary upon the Profession that whereas the name of the Contractor has frequently been transmitted to us, that of the Architect or Designer does not appear in the records of this first hundred years of school house designing. Undoubtedly this can be partly accounted for by the fact that the Contractor designed as well as built, and that in all probability but little attention was given to the designing.

In reference to the "Contract Price" many of the buildings were built by day's labour and the work continued until completion, no fixed price being agreed upon. In such instances the total amount paid out by the School Board for this work has been given, when known, as the Contract Price. Many of the earlier school buildings were erected by labour and with material donated by the citizens of the community upon ground given by one or more public spirited men of the neighborhood.

The cost of Furniture is not included in the contract price.

The Cubical Contents, when given, has been computed in the usual method employed by Architects, from the plans and surveys in the office of the Superintendent of Buildings or from those made for this work by the Author.

The property acquisitions have been obtained directly from the deeds, and the lot plans, which are all drawn to the same scale of three quarters of an inch to a hundred feet, are laid out and figured according to the deeds and not to the official figures of the District Surveyor.

The photographs of existing buildings were taken expressly for this work and present them in their present condition.

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THE MILESTOWN SCHOOL

Oak Lane, Milestown

One Story Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Sod Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer.....
Contractor.....
Contract Let.....about 1745
Building Accepted.....about 1745
Contract Price.....
Extras.....
Penalties.....
Cost per Division.....
Cost per Cubic Foot.....
Cubical Contents.....Cu. Ft.
Heated.....by Stove

Number of Class Rooms..... 1

REMARKS.

This Building, which was conveyed to a Board of Trustees in 1760,(upon the condition that it be put in repair or rebuilt) was, in all probability, removed and rebuilt in that or the next year. This latter building was removed upon the completion of the Ellwood School in 1876 upon the same lot.

THE MILESTOWN SCHOOL

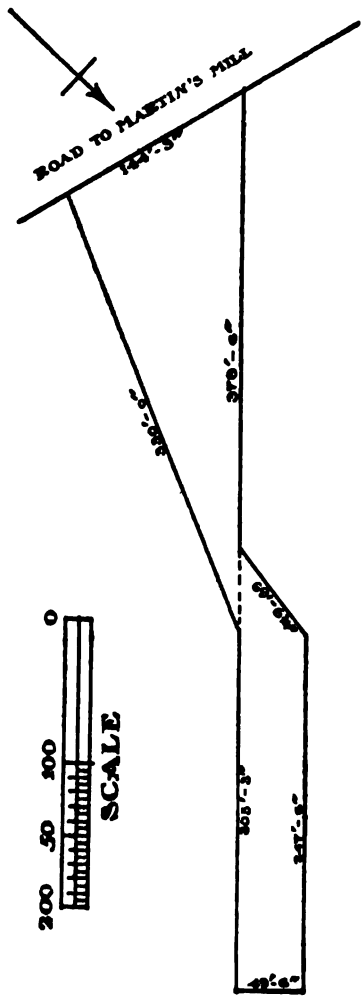
Oak Lane, Milestown

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I	- Dec. 14th 1874	. The Milestown School .	Donated

THE MILESTOWN SCHOOL

Oak Lane, Milestown



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THE ROXBOROUGH SCHOOL

Known after 1847 as the LEVERING SCHOOL

Ridge Road, Roxborough

One Story Stone Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Sod Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer .....
Contractor .....
Contract Let ..... about 1750
Building Accepted ..... about 1750
Contract Price .....
Extras .....
Penalties .....
Cost per Class Room .....
Cost per Cubic Foot ..... $
Cubical Contents ..... Cu. Ft.
Heated ..... by Stoves

Number of Class Rooms 1

REMARKS

The above school was erected by a Board of Trustees upon a lot of ground donated by William Levering. It was Incorporated in 1821 and was used also for public meetings and, temporarily, by the Roxborough Baptist Church. The building was enlarged in 1798 - 1799, additional ground having been donated.

The trust in the school property was vested in the City of Philadelphia by Act of Assembly approved February 13th 1857.

ADDITION

1798 - 1799 - A second story containing another class room, and a wing containing dwelling rooms for the school-master.

The building was unroofed and badly wrecked by a tornado on April 12th 1856, and was removed and the LEVERING SCHOOL erected upon the site in 1857,

THE ROXBOROUGH SCHOOL

Known after 1847 as the LEVERING SCHOOL

Ridge Road, Roxborough

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I - April 1st 1748	William Levering and Hannah, his wife	Donated
II - Mch. 30th 1771	William Levering and Hannah, his wife	Donated
III - Mch. 30th 1771	Andrew Wood and Elizabeth, his wife	Donated

The trust in the school property was vested in the City of Philadelphia by Act of Assembly approved February 13th 1857.

THE ROXBOROUGH SCHOOL

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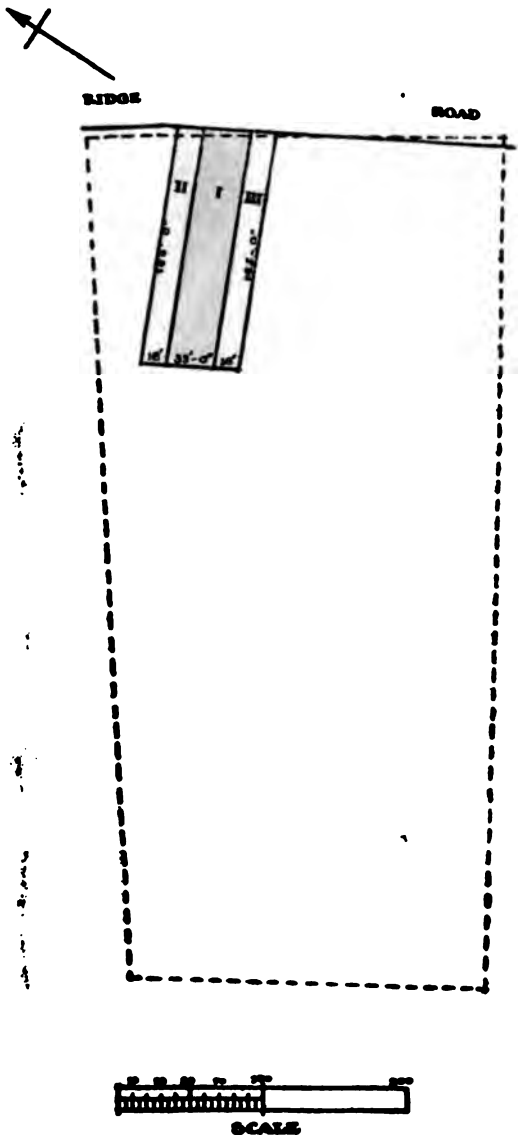
Ridge Road, Roxborough



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THE FELTONVILLE SCHOOL

Buzby's Mill Road, Feltonville

One Story Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Sod Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer.....
Contractor.....
Contract Let.....about 1764
Building Accepted.....about 1764
Contract Price.....
Extras.....
Penalties.....
Cost per Class Room.....
Cost per Cubic Foot.....
Cubical Contents.....Cu. Ft.
Heated.....by Stove

Number of Class Rooms..... 1

REMARKS

The lot of ground was conveyed to a Board of Trustees in 1763 to have a 'school building erected thereon.'

The above school building was removed in 1874 upon the erection of the new school building (also known as the Feltonville School) in that year.

THE FELTONVILLE SCHOOL

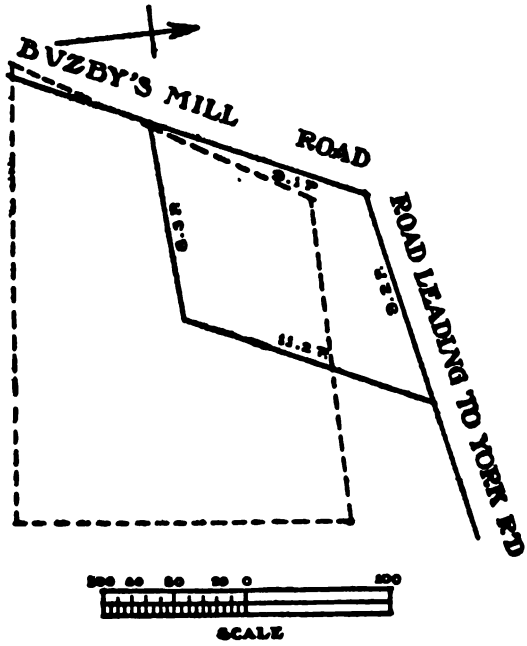
Buzby's Mill Road, Feltonville

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I	Nov. 5th 1763	John Kirk	5 Shillings

THE FELTONVILLE SCHOOL

Buzby's Mill Road, Feltonville



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THE LOWER DUBLIN ACADEMY
West side of Willett's Road, north of Academy Road

THE LOWER DUBLIN ACADEMY

Known later as The HOLME School.

West side of Willett's Road, north of Academy Road.

Two Story Stone Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Sod Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer	
Contractor	
Contract Let	about 1790
Building Accepted	about 1790
Contract Price	
Extras	
Penalties	
Cost per Class Room	
Cost per Cubic Foot	
Cubical Contents	275,580 Cu. Ft.
Heated	by Stove
Number of Class Rooms	4

REMARKS

The above Academy Building and the lot of ground upon which it is built was purchased October 5th 1901 for $10,000.00 and altered by the Board of Public Education for use as a public school.

THE LOWER DUBLIN ACADEMY

Known later as The HOLME School.

West side of Willett's Road, north of Academy Road.

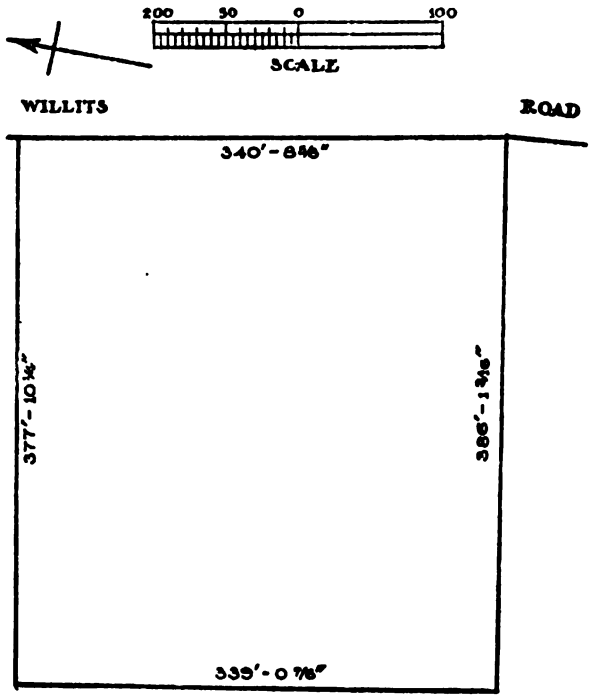
PROPERTY ACQUISITION

	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I	- Oct. 5th 1901	. Trustees of the Lower . Dublin Academy .	$ 10,000.

THE LOWER DUBLIN ACADEMY

Known later as The HOLME School.

West side of Willett's Road, north of Academy Road.



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TILLYER'S SCHOOL

Red Lion Road above Bustleton.

One Story Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Sod Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer.....
Contractor.....
Contract Let.....about 1790
Building Accepted.....about 1790
Contract Price.....
Extras.....
Penalties.....
Cost per Class Room.....
Cost per Cubic Foot.....
Cubical Contents..... Cu. Ft.
Heated.....by Stove

Number of Class Rooms..... 1

REMARKS

The above building was removed in 1846 and replaced by another school building in that year, erected upon the same lot.

TILLYER'S SCHOOL

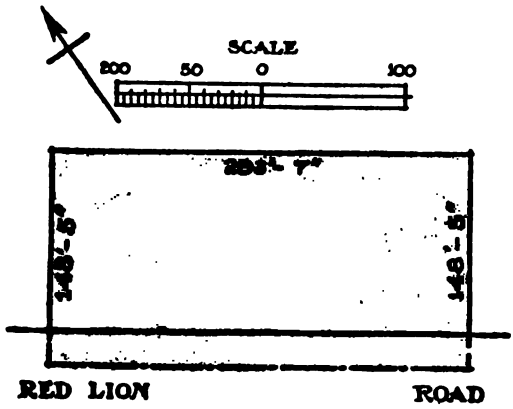
Red Lion Road above Bustleton.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration

TILLYER'S SCHOOL

Red Lion Road above Bustleton.



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THE PASSYUNK SCHOOL

Passyunk Road, Point Breeze

One Story Frame Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Sod Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer .....
Contractor .....
Contract Let 1795
Building Accepted 1795
Contract Price .....
Extras .....
Penalties .....
Cost per Class Room .....
Cost per Cubic Foot ..... $
Cubical Contents ..... Cu. Ft.
Heated ..... by Stoves

Number of Class Rooms 1

REMARKS

The lot of ground upon which the above building was erected was given in Trust October 16th 1793, to a Board of Trustees, by Christian Young "to erect a school house thereon". Originally conducted as a "pay" school, it was later transferred to the public school authorities.

The building was removed in 1826 and another school of the same name, erected upon the site. (See Page 73).

THE PASSYUNK SCHOOL

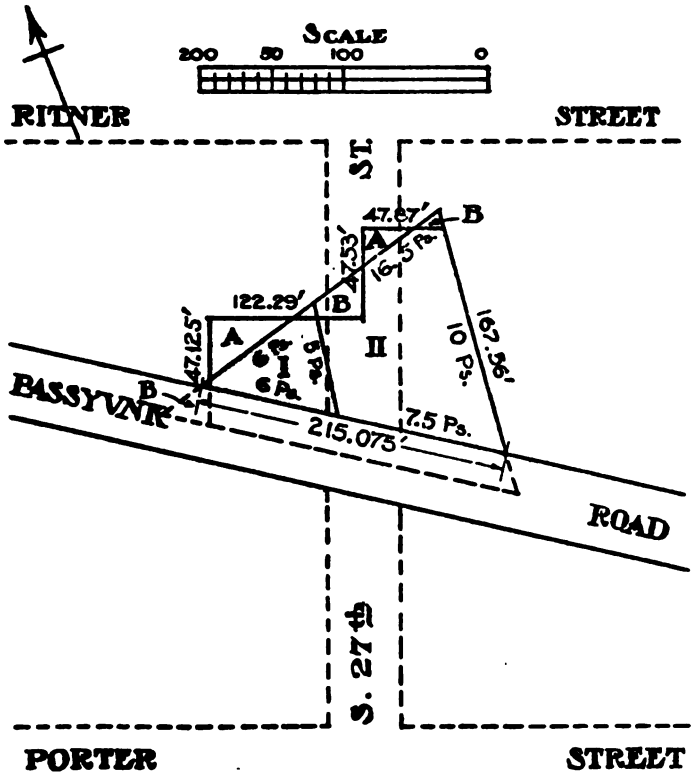
Passyunk Road, Point Breeze

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I - Oct. 16th 1793	Christian Young, and Rachel, his wife	5 Shillings
II - May 28th 1794	Christian Young and Rachel, his wife	14 - 1 - 3
III - Oct. 5th 1878	Board of City Trusts & Girard Est.	Triangular lots "B" given in exchange for triangular lots "A"

THE PASSYUNK SCHOOL

Passyunk Road, Point Breeze



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THE MORELAND & BYBERRY SCHOOL

East side of Academy Road, east of Red Lion Road

One Story Log Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Sod Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer.....
Contractor.....
Contract Let.....about 1800
Building Accepted.....about 1800
Contract Price.....
Extras.....
Penalties.....
Cost per Class Room.....
Cost per Cubic Foot.....
Cubical Contents.....Cu. Ft.
Heated.....by Stove

Number of Class Rooms..... 1

REMARKS

The above log building was removed in 1853 and replaced by a one story stone building called The Maple Grove School.

THE MORELAND & BYBERRY SCHOOL

East side of Academy Road, east of Red Lion Road

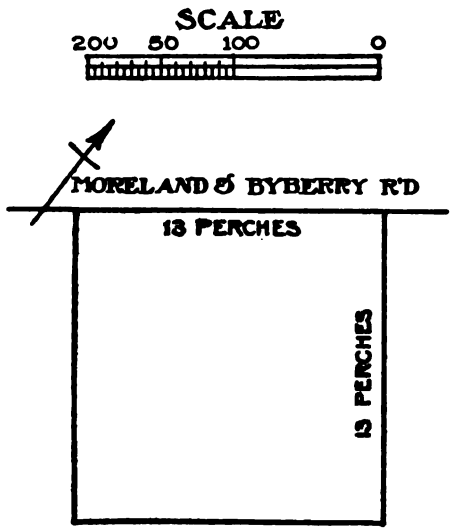
PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I - Nov. 28th 1853	Osbern Reed, et. ux. et. al., Trustees for the old school house & lot	Donated

The above school building and lot was conveyed to a Board of Trustees October 22nd 1800 by Silas Walton and Phœbe, his wife.

THE MORELAND & BYBERRY SCHOOL

East side of Academy Road, east of Red Lion Road



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THE FOX CHASE SCHOOL
Abington Road, Lower Dublin Township

THE FOX CHASE SCHOOL

Known as the OCTAGONAL SCHOOL HOUSE

Abington Road, Lower Dublin Township

One Story Stone Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Sod Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer	
Contractor	
Contract Let	about 1805
Building Accepted	about 1805
Contract Price	
Extras	
Penalties	
Cost per Class Room	
Cost per Cubic Foot	
Cubical Contents	13,500 Cu. Ft.
Heated	by Stove
Number of Class Rooms	1

REMARKS

The above building, erected by a Board of Trustees with money obtained by public subscription, was donated by the Trustees in 1892 to the Board who replaced it with a new building in that year.

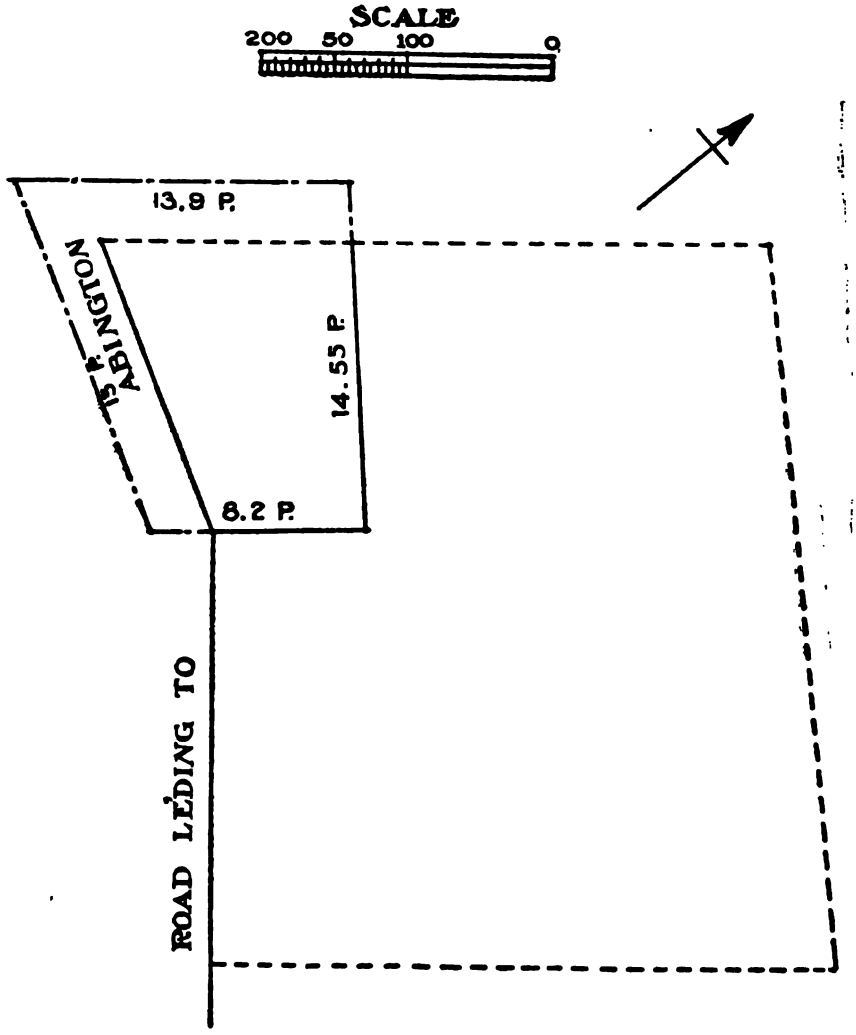
From Custis' "Schools of Philadelphia"

THE FOX CHASE SCHOOL
Abington Road, Lower Dublin Township

THE FOX CHASE SCHOOL

Known as the OCTAGONAL SCHOOL HOUSE

Abington Road, Lower Dublin Township



THE ACADEMY OF BUSTLETON

Bustleton and Somerton Turnpike Road, Bustleton

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I	- May 10th 1854	The Trustees of the Bustleton Academy	$1.00

THE ACADEMY OF BUSTLETON

Bustleton and Somerton Turnpike Road, Bustleton

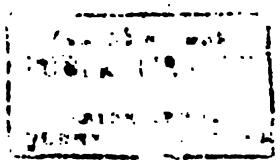
Two Story Stone Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Sod Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer .....
Contractor .....
Contract Let ..... about 1803
Building Accepted ..... about 1803
Contract Price .....
Extras .....
Penalties .....
Cost per Class Room .....
Cost per Cubic Foot .....
Cubical Contents ..... Cu. Ft.
Heated ..... by Stoves

Number of Class Rooms .....

REMARKS

The Bustleton Academy, incorporated April 1st 1809, was donated March 20th 1852 for public school purposes, and was used as a public school until May 10th 1854, when the Board of Trustees of the Academy deeded the property to the Controllers of the Public Schools and it was removed and the Fayette School built upon the site. The roof was blown off in the hurricane of 1812.



THE FRANKFORD COLOURED SCHOOL

Mulberry Street, Borough of Frankford

Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Sod Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer .....
Contractor .....
Contract Let ..... about 1811
Building Accepted ..... about 1811
Contract Price .....
Extras .....
Penalties .....
Cost per Class Room .....
Cost per Cubic Foot .....
Cubical Contents ..... Cu. Ft.
Heated ..... by Stove

Number of Class Rooms 1

REMARKS

The property upon which the above school was erected was deeded August 22nd 1811, to the Burgess and Inhabitants of the Borough of Frankford.

The building was removed in 1874 and replaced by the Wilmot School in that year.

THE FRANKFORD COLOURED SCHOOL

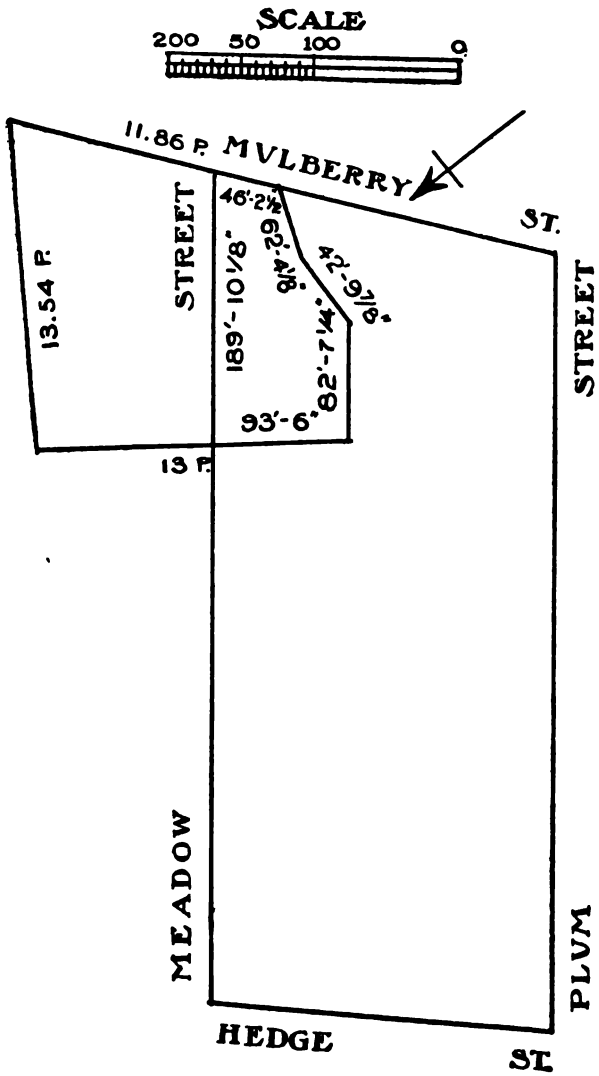
Mulberry Street, Borough of Frankford

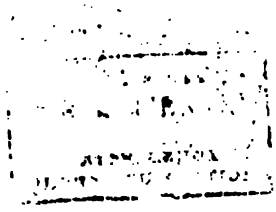
PROPERTY ACQUISITION

	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I	- Aug. 22 nd 1811	Nathan Harper and Mary, his wife	$ 142.50

THE FRANKFORD COLOURED SCHOOL

Mulberry Street, Borough of Frankford





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THE HORACE BINNEY SCHOOL
North side of Spruce Street, east of Sixth Street

THE HORACE BINNEY SCHOOL

North side of Spruce Street east of Sixth Street

Two Story Brick Building, Wood Construction, Tin Roof, Brick Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer .....
Contractor .....
Contract Let ..... about 1814
Building Accepted ..... about 1814
Contract Price .....
Extras .....
Penalties .....
Cost per Class Room .....
Cost per Cubic Foot .....
Cubical Contents ..... 365,700 Cu. Ft.
Heated ..... by Hot Air

Number of Class Rooms 16

REMARKS

The above building, (originally The Sixth Presbyterian Church Building of Philadelphia) was purchased by the Board in 1872, and a Contract of $ 16,500 was let to H. B. Leskie, July 15 th 1874 for altering the building for school purposes.

ADDITIONS

1900 A third floor containing 6 class rooms. Cost $ 14,451.

THE HORACE BINNEY SCHOOL

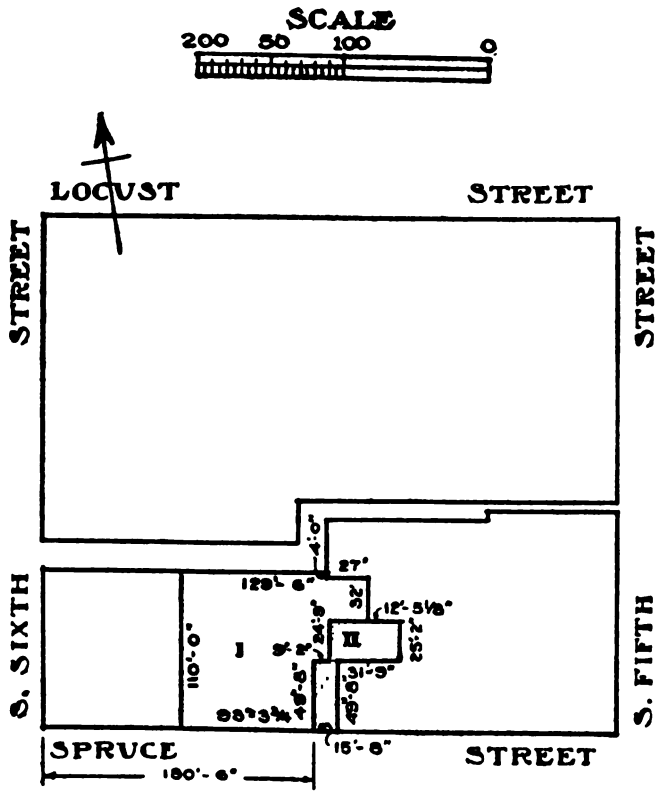
North side of Spruce Street east of Sixth Street

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I - Dec. 19th 1872	The Trustees of the Sixth Presbyterian Church of Phila'da	$ 55,000.00
II - Oct. 11th 1889	J. Fred'ck Zimmerman, et. ux., et. al.	$ 6,500.00

THE HORACE BINNEY SCHOOL

North side of Spruce Street east of Sixth Street



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THE BUCK LANE SCHOOL

Buck Lane below Passyunk Avenue

One Story Frame Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Sod Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer .....
Contractor .....
Contract Let .....
Building Accepted .....
Contract Price .....
Extras .....
Penalties .....
Cost per Class Room .....
Cost per Cubic Foot ..... $
Cubical Contents ..... Cu. Ft.
Heated ..... by Stoves

Number of Class Rooms 1

REMARKS

According to Miss Anna Lush, Principal of the Francis Read School, Francis Read bequeathed to the Districts of Moyamensing and Passyunk, in 1806, forty seven and a half perches of land with the building thereon erected for school purposes.

The above building, a frame farm house of two small rooms, one of which was used for a class room, was later replaced by a two class room brick school building. Exact dates of the erection of these buildings have been unobtainable, but the "Buck Lane School" does not appear upon the Annual Reports of the Controllers of the Public Schools until 1840.

The brick building was removed in 1886 and the FRANCIS READ SCHOOL erected upon the lot.

THE BUCK LANE SCHOOL

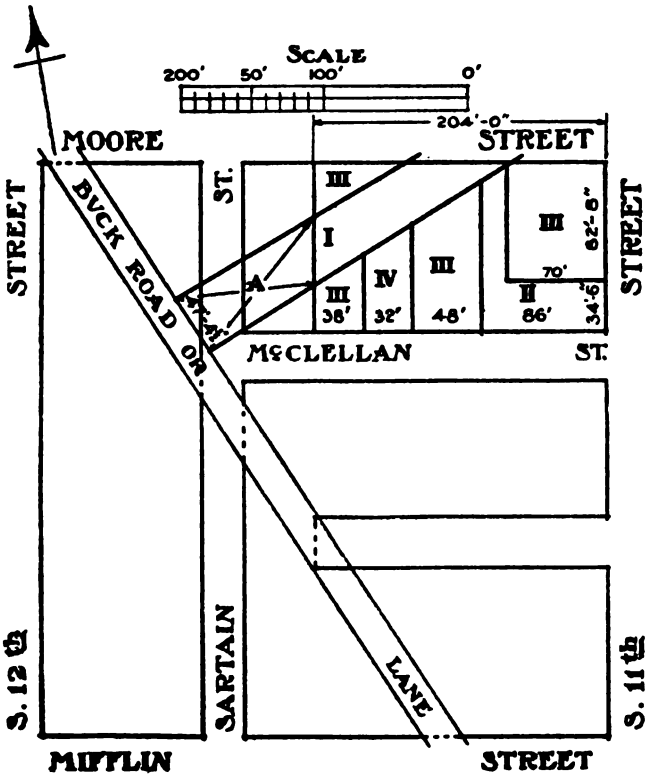
Buck Lane below Passyunk Avenue

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I -			
II -	April 15th 1885	Anna Hannigan, et.al.	$ 2,000.00
III -	May 29th 1885	Henry C. Thompson,& Jane C., his wife	$ 9,000.00
IV -	Dec. 9th 1889	Geo. A. Twibill, and John J. Cassidy	Given in exchange for "A" of original lot.

THE BUCK LANE SCHOOL

Buck Lane below Passyunk Avenue



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THE BANNAKER SCHOOL
North side of Darby Road, west of Seventieth Street

THE BANNAKER SCHOOL

North side of Darby Road west of Seventieth Street.

One Story Stone Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof Sod Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer	
Contractor	
Contract Let	about 1818
Building Accepted	about 1818
Contract Price	
Extras	
Penalties	
Cost per Class Room	
Cost per Cubic Foot	
Cubical Contents	11,440 Cu. Ft.
Heated	by Stove
Number of Class Rooms	1

REMARKS

This school, originally conducted by private interests was donated by the Trustees to the Controllers in 1875.

The above building became known as an annex to the Paschalville School upon the latters completion in 1877 upon the same lot.

The building was vacated in 1890 and subsequently used as a tool house in connection with the school garden.

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THE MODEL SCHOOL
East Side of Chester Street, North of Race Street

THE MODEL SCHOOL

East side of Chester Street north of Race Street

Three Story Brick Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Brick Yard and Sidewalk Paving.

Designer	
Contractor	Benjamin Robbins
Contract Let	1818
Building Accepted	1818
Contract Price	$ 6,139.05
Extras	
Penalties	
Cost per Class Room	
Cost per Cubic Foot	$.029
Cubical Contents	280,000 Cu. Ft
Heated	by Hot Air
Number of Class Rooms	*

REMARKS

The total cost of the school, the first erected under the Act of March 6 th 1818, establishing the First School District of Pennsylvania, is given as $ 15,001.03. The lot costing $ 8,000 and furniture at a cost of $ 861.96 being included, leaving $ 6,139.05 as the cost of the building. The Architect's fee was $ 54.08 additional.

The building was remodeled in 1837 at a cost of $ 10,074.03.

*The building opened December 21 st 1818 as a "Lancasterian" school, but was later altered into a 10 class room school.

The lot and building were sold June 11 th 1878.

THE MODEL SCHOOL

East side of Chester Street north of Race Street

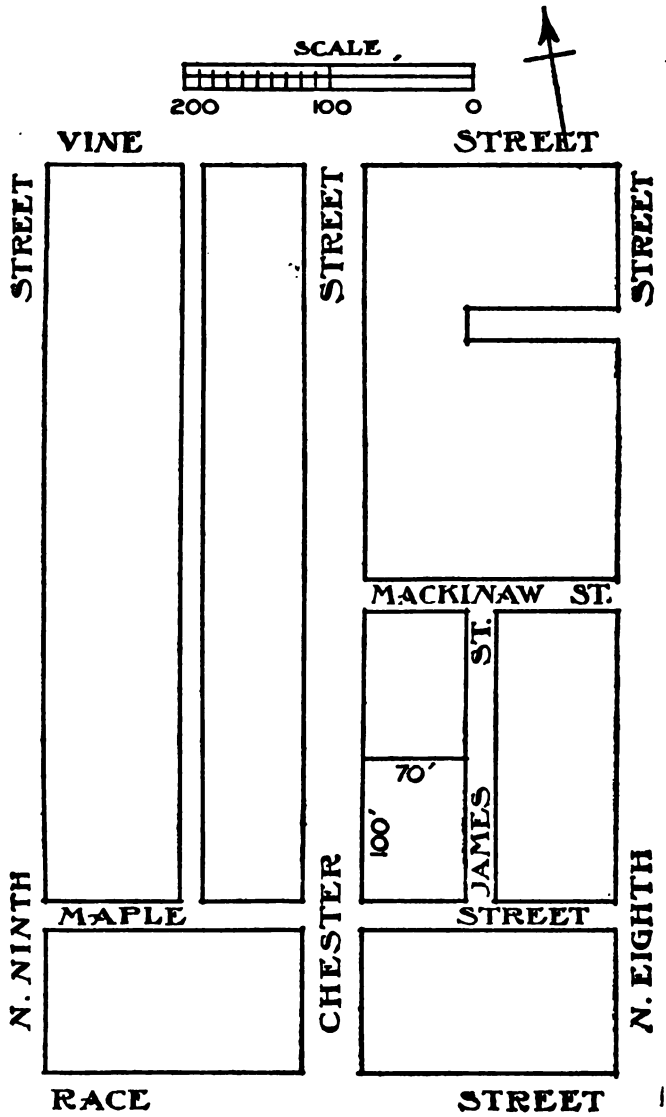
PROPERTY ACQUISITION

	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I	- June 24th 1818	James Hunter and Margaret, his wife	$ 8,000.00

The above property was sold June 11th 1878 to Charles S. Caffrey.

THE MODEL SCHOOL

East side of Chester Street north of Race Street



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THE LOMBARD STREET SCHOOL
West side of Sixth Street, north of Lombard Street

THE LOMBARD ST. SCHOOL

Known later as the JAMES FORTEN SCHOOL

West side of Sixth Street north of Lombard Street

Two Story Brick Building, Wood Construction, Tin Roof, Brick Sidewalk and Sod Yard Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer	
Contractor	
Contract Let	1819
Building Accepted	1819
Contract Price	$ 8,562.71
Extras	
Penalties	
Cost per Class Room	$ 1,070.33
Cost per Cubic Foot	$ .053
Cubical Contents	160,000 Cu. Ft.
Heated	by Stoves
Number of Class Rooms	8

REMARKS

The original two story brick building had a two story stone addition erected at the east end in 1870. This latter addition had a third floor added in 1903.

The building was fitted up as an elementary manual training school and opened as such in September 1891.

ADDITIONS

Jun. 6th 1870	Containing 8 class rooms	Cost $ 13,850.00
Nov. 24th 1903	Containing 3 class rooms	Cost $ 7,972.00

THE LOMBARD ST. SCHOOL

Known later as the JAMES FORTEN SCHOOL

West side of Sixth Street north of Lombard Street

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I - Mch. 20th 1819	Bloomfield McIlvaine	Taken on $ 185 Annual Ground Rent.

The above Ground Rent was extinguished May 20th 1819 for the sum of $ 3,083.33.

I - Mch. 20th 1819	Henry Pratt	Taken on $ 157.50 Annual Ground Rent

The above Ground Rent was extinguished March 19th 1824, for the sum of $ 2,625.00.

Part "A" of the above lot sold Dec. 12th 1828, to William F. Fotterall for the sum of $ 1,040.00.

II - Dec. 6th 1837	Charles Finney and Mary, his wife	$ 3,500.00
III - Oct. 19th 1838	John C. Watmough Sheriff	$ 900.00
IV - Dec. 15th 1905	Congregation Tiferes Israel Anshet Sitomir	$ 10,000.00

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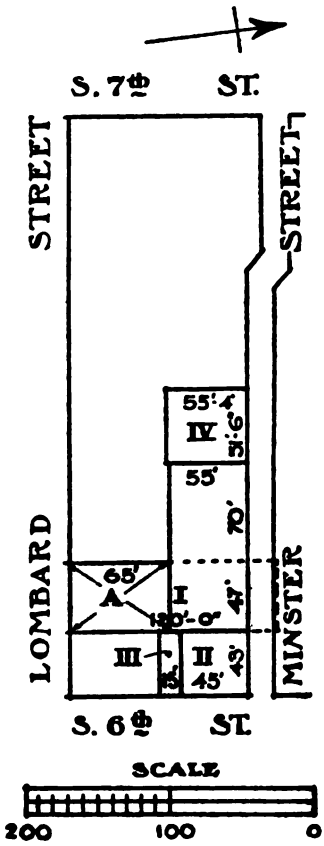

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THE KENSINGTON SCHOOL

Known also as the "YELLOW SCHOOL HOUSE"

West side of Marlborough Street north of Duke Street

2½ Story Brick Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Sod Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer .....
Contractor .....
Contract Let ..... *
Date of Acquisition 1819
Contract Price ..... †
Extras .....
Penalties .....
Cost per Class Room .....
Cost per Cubic Foot ..... $ ....
Cubical Contents ..... Cu. Ft.
Heated ..... by Stoves

Number of Class Rooms 8

REMARKS

*The above building, erected previously to the Revolution, was used as a hospital during that war.

†The property, which had been used for school purposes since 1780, was purchased by the Controllers June 19th 1819 for $ 1,000 and the building was remodeled at a cost of $ 3,121.27, and opened in the early part of 1820.

The building was removed in 1867 and the VAUGHAN SCHOOL erected upon the site.

THE KENSINGTON SCHOOL

Known also as the "YELLOW SCHOOL HOUSE"

West side of Marlborough Street north of Duke Street

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

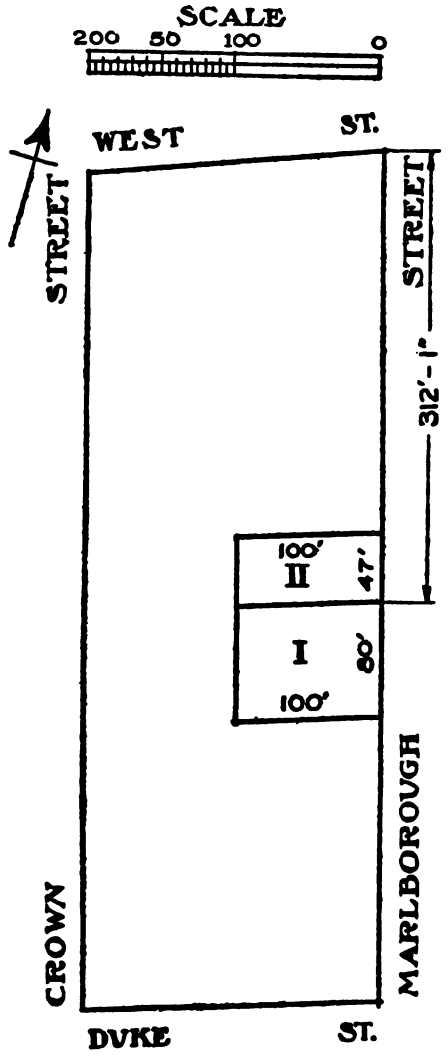
	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I	- June 19th 1819	Caleb Carmalt	$ 1,000.00
II	- Oct. 26th 1864	Thomas H. Rice and Elizabeth H., his wife	Taken on $ 117.50 Annual Ground Rent.

The above ground rent was extinguished October 13th 1899 for the sum of $ 1,958.33½.

THE KENSINGTON SCHOOL

Known also as the "YELLOW SCHOOL HOUSE"

West side of Marlborough Street north of Duke Street



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THE CATHARINE STREET SCHOOL
North side of Catharine Street, west of Third Street

THE CATHARINE ST. SCHOOL

Known after 1848 as the MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL

North side of Catharine Street, west of Third Street

Two Story Brick Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Brick Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer	
Contractor	
Contract Let	1820
Building Accepted	1821
Contract Price	$ 10,537.83
Extras	
Penalties	
Cost per Class Room	$ 878.15
Cost per Cubic Foot	
Cubical Contents	Cu. Ft.
Heated	by Stoves
Number of Class Rooms	12

REMARKS

During the cholera epidemic of 1832 the building was used as a hospital.

The front outside walls were rough-casted in 1861 at a cost of $ 450.00.

The above building was removed in 1873, and the MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL erected upon the site.

THE CATHARINE ST. SCHOOL

Known after 1848 as the MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL

North side of Catharine Street, west of Third Street

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I	- Dec. 7th 1819	Joseph Ash, and Frances, his wife	Taken on $ 150 Annual Ground Rent

The above ground rent was extinguished March 20th 1830 for the sum of $ 2,750.

II	- Jan. 14th 1873	Richard Jennings	Taken on $ 200 Annual Ground Rent

The above ground rent was extinguished August 23rd 1873 for the sum of $ 3,333.33.

III	- Jan. 28th 1873	William H. Brown & Jane Lavenia, his wife	$ 1,100.00
IV	- Jan. 29th 1873	Francis P. Dubosq & Virginia E., his wife	$ 5,000.00

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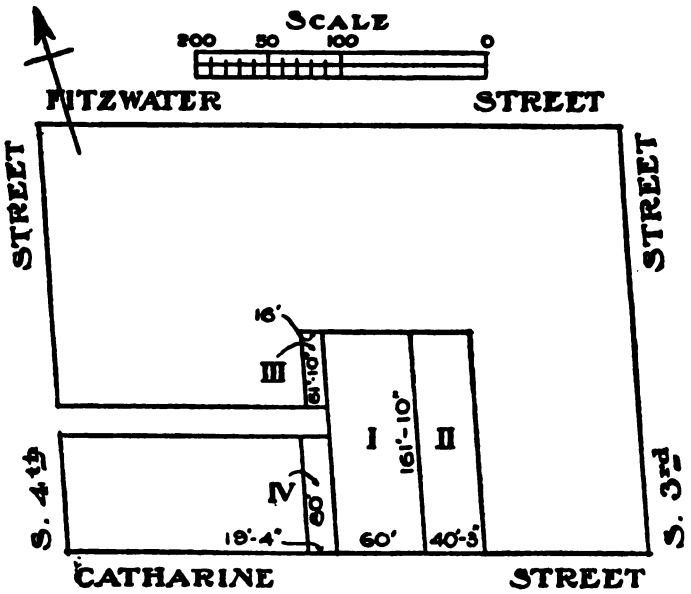

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THE MIFFLIN SCHOOL
West side of Third Street, north of Brown Street

THE MIFFLIN SCHOOL

Known after 1913 as the THOMAS MIFFLIN SCHOOL

West side of Third Street north of Brown Street

Two Story Brick Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Brick Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer	
Contractor	
Contract Let	1825
Building Accepted	1825
Contract Price	$ 8,142.60
Extras	
Penalties	
Cost per Class Room	$ 1,357.10
Cost per Cubic Foot	$ .050
Cubical Contents	162,240 Cu. Ft.
Heated	by Stoves
Number of Class Rooms	6

REMARKS

During the cholera epidemic of 1832 the building was used as a hospital.

ADDITIONS

Jun. 25th 1852	A stairway wing	Contract price	$ 1,000.
1862	Addition containing 4 class rooms	" "	$ 3,000.

THE MIFFLIN SCHOOL

Known after 1913 as the THOMAS MIFFLIN SCHOOL

West side of Third Street north of Brown Street

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I	May 25th 1824	John Baker and Barbara, his wife	$ 800.00
II	June 3rd 1824	Thomas Kelly and Dorothy, his wife	$ 2,300.00

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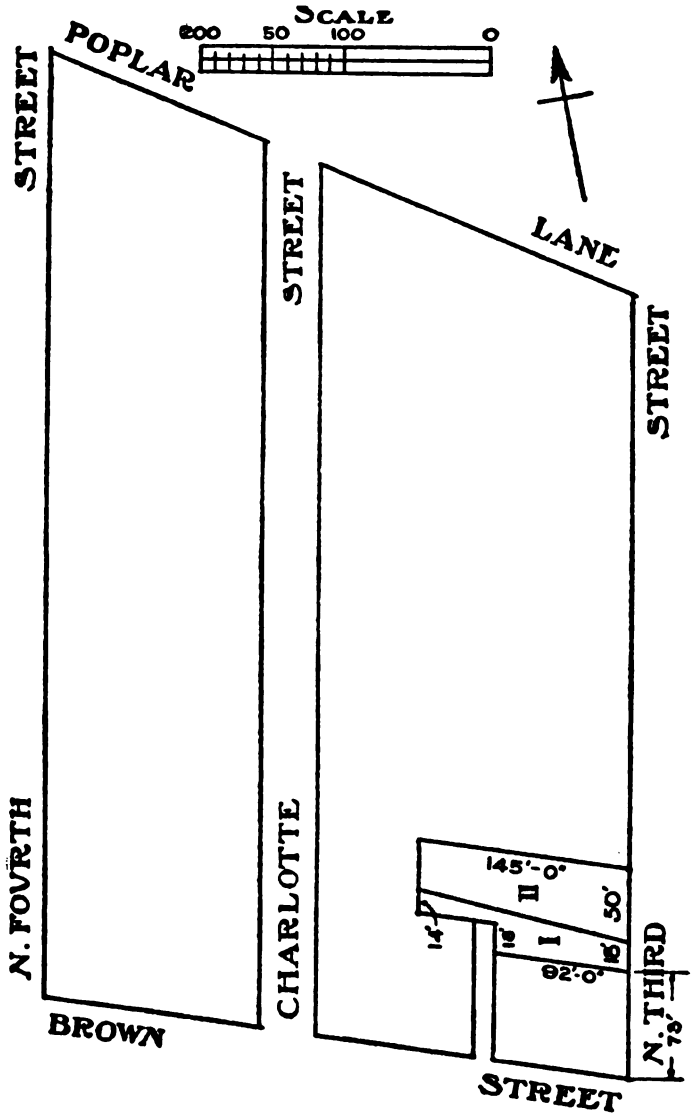

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THE PASSYUNK SCHOOL
Passyunk Road, Point Breeze

THE PASSYUNK SCHOOL

Known later as the POINT BREEZE SCHOOL

Passyunk Road, Point Breeze

2½ Story Brick Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Sod Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer .....
Contractor .....
Contract Let 1826
Building Accepted 1826
Contract Price .....
Extras .....
Penalties .....
Cost per Class Room .....
Cost per Cubic Foot ..... $
Cubical Contents ..... 19,400 Cu. Ft.
Heated ..... by Stoves

Number of Class Rooms 2

REMARKS

The lot of ground upon which the above school is erected was given in Trust October 16th 1793, by Christian Young, et. ux. to John Glover, et. al. "to erect a school house thereon".

This building replaced a small frame school erected in 1795, in compliance with the terms of the deed of the lot of ground. (See Page 21).

Upon the completion of the Point Breeze School adjoining upon the same lot, in 1879, this building became known as the Point Breeze Annex. It was later abandoned.

THE PASSYUNK SCHOOL

Known later as the POINT BREEZE SCHOOL

Passyunk Road, Point Breeze

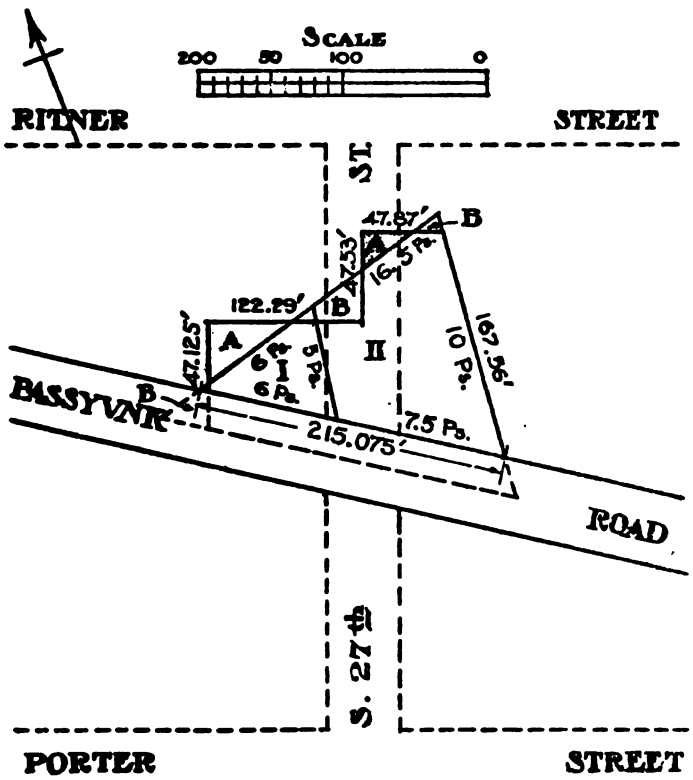
PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I - Oct. 16th 1793	Christian Young, and Rachel, his wife	5 Shillings
II - May 28th 1794	Christian Young and Rachel, his wife	14 - 1 - 3
III - Oct. 5th 1878	Board of City Trusts & Girard Est.	Triangular lots "B" given in exchange for triangular lots "A"

THE PASSYUNK SCHOOL

Known later as the POINT BREEZE SCHOOL

Passyunk Road, Point Breeze



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THE LOCUST STREET SCHOOL
Northeast corner of Twelfth and Locust Streets

THE LOCUST STREET SCHOOL

Known after 1906 as the PHILADELPHIA TRADES SCHOOL

Northeast corner of Twelfth and Locust Streets

Two Story Brick Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Brick Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer	
Contractor	Benjamin Robbins
Contract Let	July 23rd 1827
Building Accepted	March 17th 1828
Contract Price	$ 7,500.00
Extras (Including $ 500 for a cupola)	$ 2,800.00
Penalties	
Cost per Class Room	$ 936.36
Cost per Cubic Foot	$ .043
Cubical Contents	238,700 Cu. Ft.
Heated	by Stoves
Number of Class Rooms	*11

REMARKS

*The school was originally under the "Lancasterian system"

During the cholera epidemic of 1832 this building was used as a hospital.

In 1906 the school was opened as a trades school.

ADDITIONS

1837 - Altering the building into 11 class rooms.

1906 - A contract for $ 17,965 to alter and fit the building up as a trades school.

THE LOCUST STREET SCHOOL

Known after 1906 as the PHILADELPHIA TRADES SCHOOL

Northeast corner of Twelfth and Locust Streets

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I - July 12th 1827	James Caldwell	Taken on $ 325 Annual Ground Rent

The above ground rent was extinguished June 24th 1836 for the sum of $ 6,500.00.

THE LOCUST STREET SCHOOL

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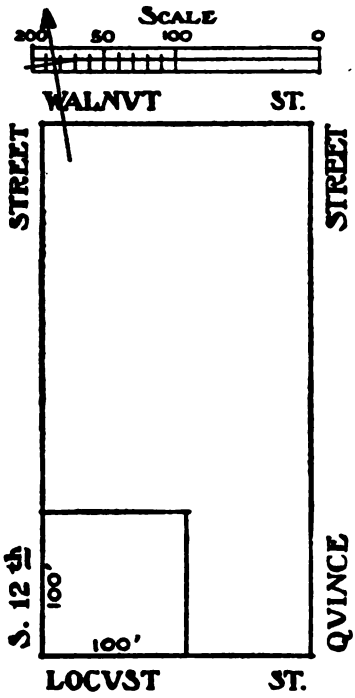
Northeast corner of Twelfth and Locust Streets



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THE WASHINGTON SCHOOL

Martin's Mill Road Lawndale

Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Sod Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer .....
Contractor .....
Contract Let ..... about 1827 1814
Building Accepted ..... about 1827 1814
Contract Price .....
Extras .....
Penalties .....
Cost per Class Room .....
Cost per Cubic Foot .....
Cubical Contents ..... Cu. Ft.
Heated ..... by Stoves

Number of Class Rooms 1

REMARKS

The above school (originally a private institution) was removed and replaced by a new building of the same name in 1867.

THE WASHINGTON SCHOOL

Martin's Mill Road Lawndale

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration

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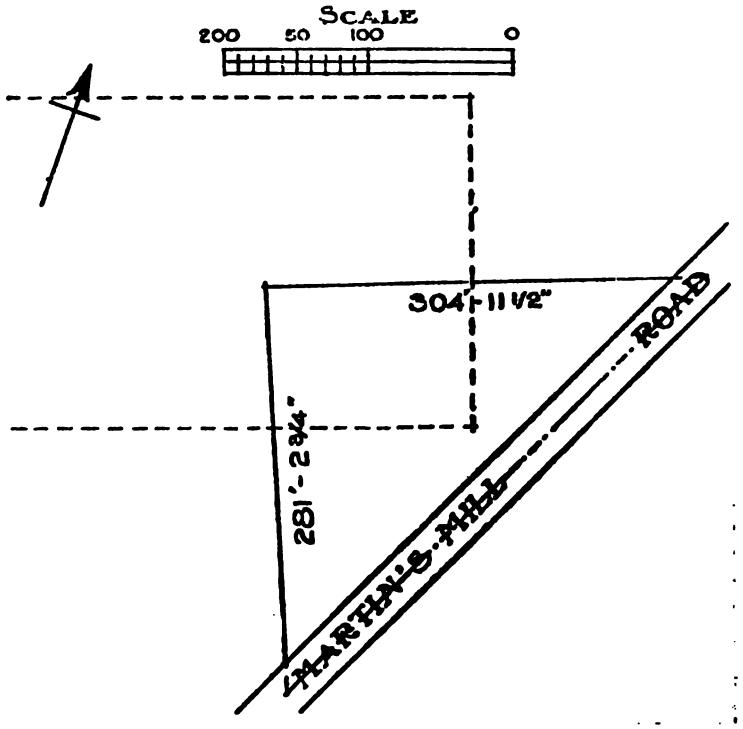
Martin's Mill Road Lawndale



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THE PENN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
South side of Buttonwood Street, east of Eleventh Street

THE PENN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

Known later as the MONROE SCHOOL

South side of Buttonwood Street east of Eleventh Street

Two Story Brick Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Brick Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer	
Contractor	
Contract Let	1829
Building Accepted	1831
Contract Price	$ 11,912.58
Extras	
Penalties	
Cost per Class Room	$ 744.53
Cost per Cubic Foot	$ .058
Cubical Contents	202,500 Cu. Ft.
Heated	by Stoves
Number of Class Rooms	16

REMARKS

In 1809 the Spring Garden Association erected a two story brick school at the northeast corner of Eighth and Buttonwood Streets,with money obtained by public subscription, this school was rented by the Controllers until their own school was opened in 1831.

During the cholera epidemic of 1832 this building was used as a hospital.

The building was damaged by fire May 26th 1847.

The property was sold June 2nd 1870 to Lewis Thompson, et. al.

THE PENN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

Known later as the MONROE SCHOOL

South side of Buttonwood Street east of Eleventh Street

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I	- May 2nd 1828	John M. Ogden and Harriet, his wife	Taken on $ 160 Annual Ground Rent

The above property was sold June 2nd 1870 to Lewis Thompson, et. al.

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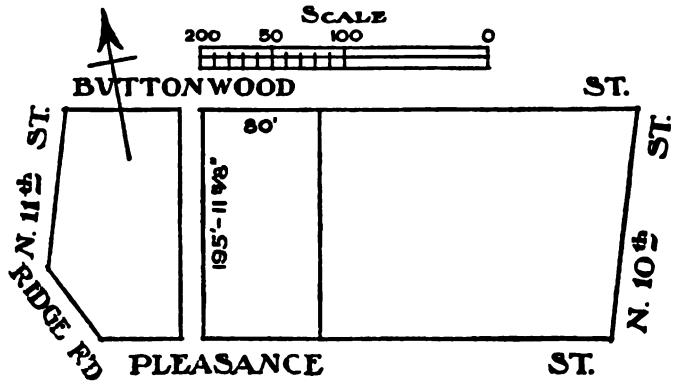


THE HESTONVILLE SCHOOL

West side of Peach Street, Township of Blockley

One Story Stone Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Sod Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer .....
Contractor .....
Contract Let 1829
Building Accepted 1829
Contract Price .....
Extras .....
Penalties .....
Cost per Class Room .....
Cost per Cubic Foot .....
Cubical Contents ..... Cu. Ft.
Heated ..... by Stoves

Number of Class Rooms 1

REMARKS

The above rough stone building was erected by the Heston family and conducted by a Board of Trustees. It occupied the eastern or Peach Street end of the lot. Lansdowne Avenue was later cut directly through the lot.

The property was purchased from the Trustees in 1842.

The school building was removed in 1873, a new building having been erected in 1866.

THE HESTONVILLE SCHOOL

West side of Peach Street, Township of Blockley

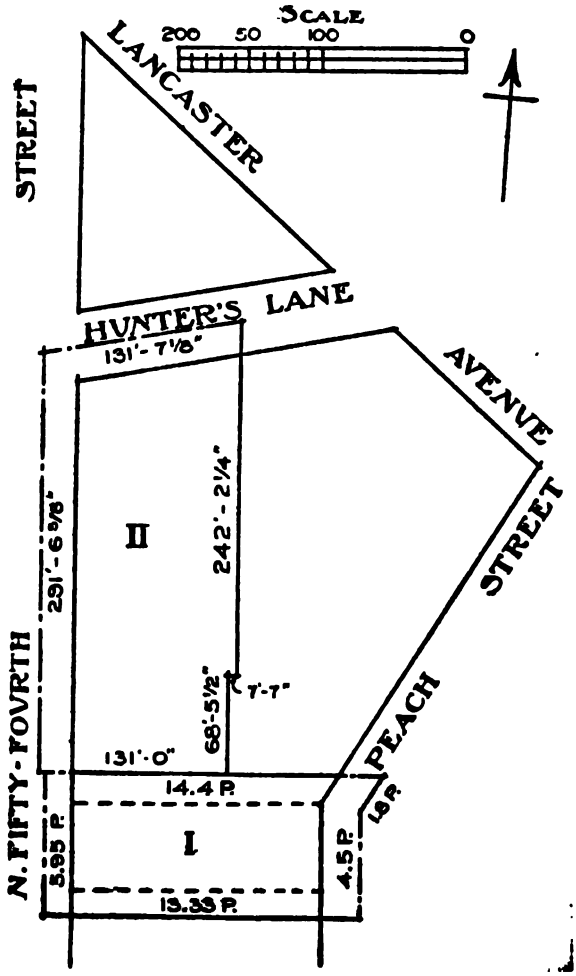
PROPERTY ACQUISITION

	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I	- Aug. 6th 1842	The Trustees of the Hestonville School	$ 1,000.00
II	- Mch. 1st 1866	Matilda Heston	Taken on $ 90 Annual Ground Rent

The above Ground Rent was extinguished July 13th 1878 for the sum of $ 1,500.

THE HESTONVILLE SCHOOL

West side of Peach Street, Township of Blockley



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THE WEST KENSINGTON SCHOOL

Known after 1848 as the HARRISON SCHOOL

South side of Masters Street, west of Second Street

Three Story Brick Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Sod Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer	
Contractor	
Contract Let	1832
Building Accepted	1832
Contract Price	$ 19,009.10
Extras	
Penalties	
Cost per Class Room	$ 1,267.27
Cost per Cubic Foot	$ .093
Cubical Contents	204,000 Cu. Ft.
Heated	by Stoves
Number of Class Rooms	15

REMARKS

The above building was vacated in 1891 and sold to the North Penn Rail Road Company, October 29th 1894 for $ 15,000.

THE WEST KENSINGTON SCHOOL

Known after 1848 as the HARRISON SCHOOL

South side of Masters Street, west of Second Street

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I	- May 10th 1832	Elliott Cresson	$ 3,333.33

The above property was sold October 29th 1894 to the North Penn Rail Road Company for $ 15,000.

THE WEST KENSINGTON SCHOOL

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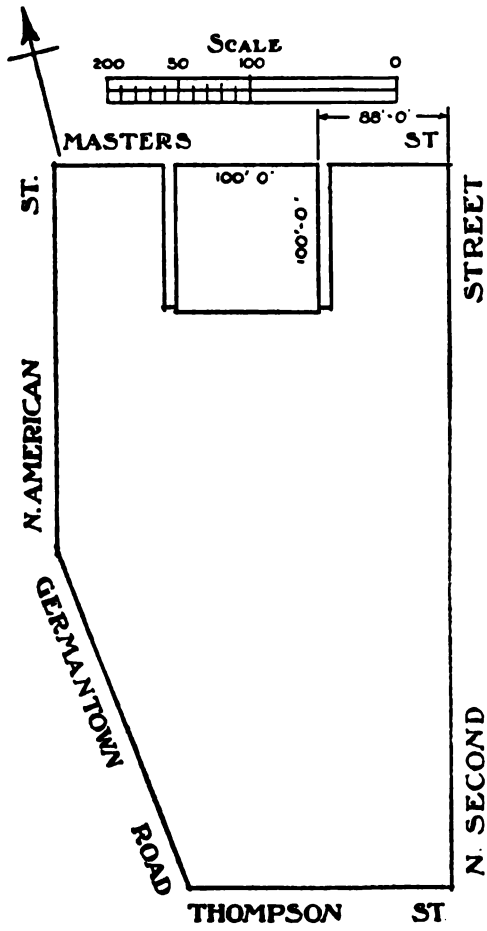

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THE NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL
North side of Race Street, east of Fifteenth Street

THE NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL

North side of Race Street, east of Fifteenth Street

Three Story Brick Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Brick Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer	
Contractor	
Contract Let	June 1832
Building Accepted	1833
Contract Price	$ 22,207.74
Extras	
Penalties	
Cost per Class Room	$ 1,480.51
Cost per Cubic Foot	$ .082
Cubical Contents	267,606 Cu. Ft.
Heated	by Stoves
Number of Class Rooms	15

REMARKS

April 7th 1871 a contract of $ 10,000 was let to Philip H. Somerset, for a three story brown-stone addition, containing 6 class rooms, at the front or south end of the building.

The building was removed in 1900 and the NORTHWEST SCHOOL erected upon the site.

THE NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL

Known during 1848-1850 as the LOGAN SCHOOL

North side of Race Street, east of Fifteenth Street

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I	Feb. 15th 1832	Thomas Elmes and Lydia, his wife	$ 7,250.00

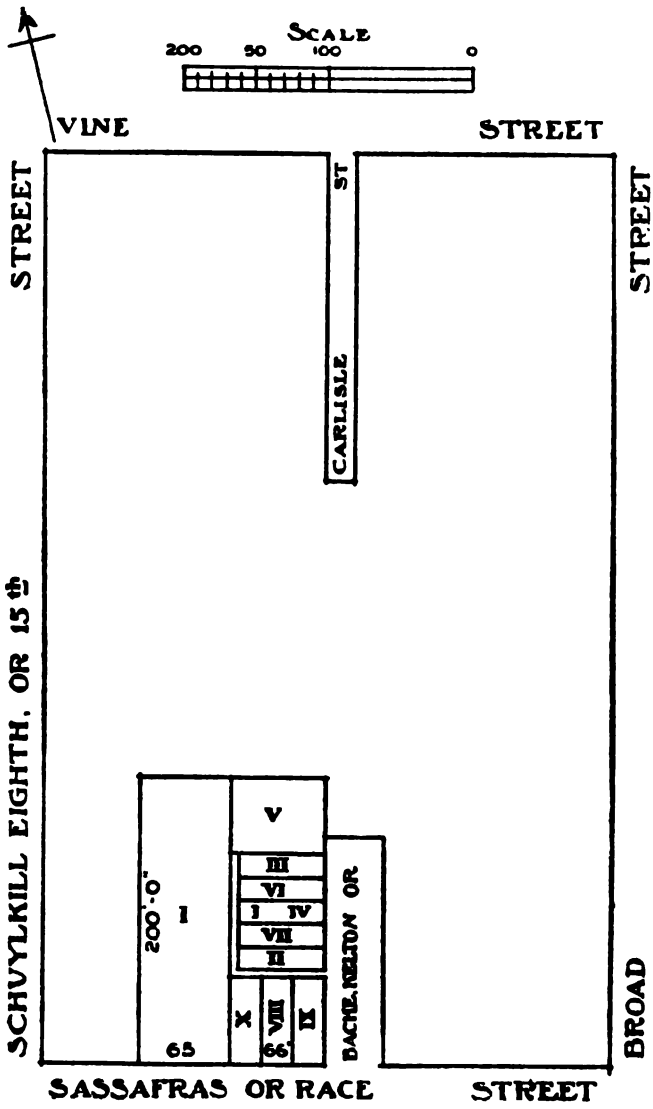
A part of the above lot was sold October 12th 1852, and repurchased February 16th 1899.

II	Mch. 10th 1898	John Howden, and Bridget, his wife	$ 3,000.00
III	Jan. 25th 1899	John A. Wimer	$ 3,000.00
IV	Feb. 16th 1899	Charles A. Sparks & Amelia R., his wife	$ 4,750.00
V	Mch. 3rd 1899	Charles M. Swain, Mary D. Swain, et.al.	$ 7,500.00
VI	Mch. 23rd 1899	Winslow J. Fries et.al.	$ 4,500.00
VII	July 15th 1899	Hugh Duffy	$ 3,600.00
VIII	June 5th 1900	George Irvin and Sarah, his wife	$ 15,000.00
IX	Jun. 16th 1900	James Henry	$ 10,000.00
X	Oct. 29th 1900	Charles H. Casani and Anita Georgiana, his wife	$ 12,000.00

THE NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL

Known during 1848-1850 as the LOGAN SCHOOL

North side of Race Street, east of Fifteenth Street



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THE MOYAMENSING SCHOOL
Northeast corner of Eighth and Fitzwater Streets

THE MOYAMENSING SCHOOL

Known after 1848 as the RINGGOLD SCHOOL

Northeast corner of Eighth and Fitzwater Streets

Three Story Brick Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Brick Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer	
Contractor	
Contract Let	1832
Building Accepted	1832
Contract Price	$ 18,398.87
Extras	
Penalties	
Cost per Class Room	$ 1,314.20
Cost per Cubic Foot	$ .110
Cubical Contents	166,200 Cu. Ft.
Heated	by Stoves
Number of Class Rooms	14

REMARKS

The building was damaged by fire in 1871.

ADDITION

1845 General alterations and additions.

In 1899 the school was removed and the James Campbell School erected upon the site.

THE MOYAMENSING SCHOOL

Known after 1848 as the RINGGOLD SCHOOL

Northeast corner of Eighth and Fitzwater Streets

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

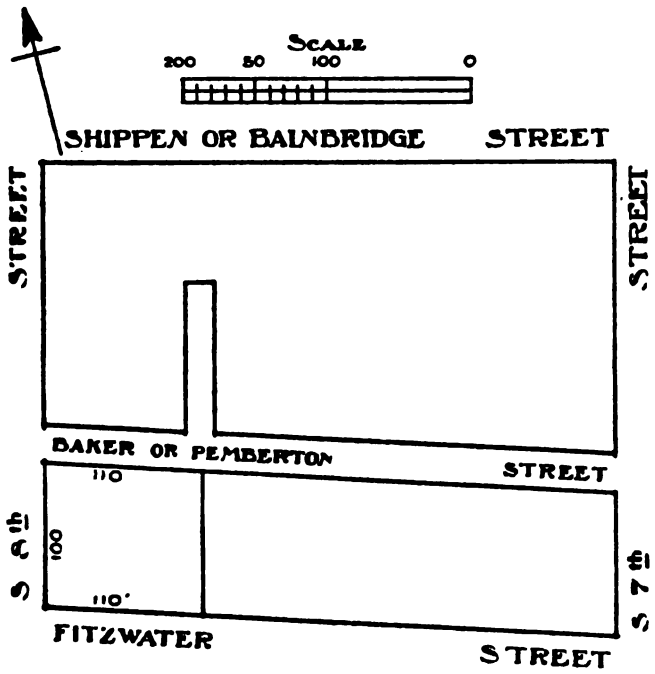
	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I	- Oct. 2nd 1830	Thomas M. Pettit and Sarah B., his wife	Taken on $ 150. Annual Ground Rent

The above ground rent was extinguished October 11th 1830 for the sum of $ 2,500.

THE MOYAMENSING SCHOOL

Known after 1848 as the RINGGOLD SCHOOL

Northeast corner of Eighth and Fitzwater Streets



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THE GIRARD SCHOOL
North side of Passyunk Avenue, west of Eighteenth Street

THE GIRARD SCHOOL

North side of Passyunk Avenue west of Eighteenth Street

2½ Story Brick Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Sod Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer .....
Contractor .....
Contract Let 1833
Building Accepted.....1833
Contract Price.....
Extras .....
Penalties .....
Cost per Class Room.....
Cost per Cubic Foot.....$
Cubical Contents..... 35,145 Cu. Ft.
Heated .....by Stoves

Number of Class Rooms 2

REMARKS

The above buiding was erected by a Board of Trustees in accordance with the terms of the will of Stephen Girard, for poor male and female white children, and contained originally two class rooms and dwelling rooms for the school-master.

The building became vacated about 1845 and remained idle until 1860 when the property was transferred by the Trustees to the City and was accepted by Ordinance of Councils November 24th 1860, it does not appear, however, to have been reopened until 1867.

Upon the opening of the new Girard School upon the adjoining lot in 1902, the school was used for kindergarten classes. It was subsequently used as the Janitor's residence and a tool house in connection with the school garden.

THE GIRARD SCHOOL

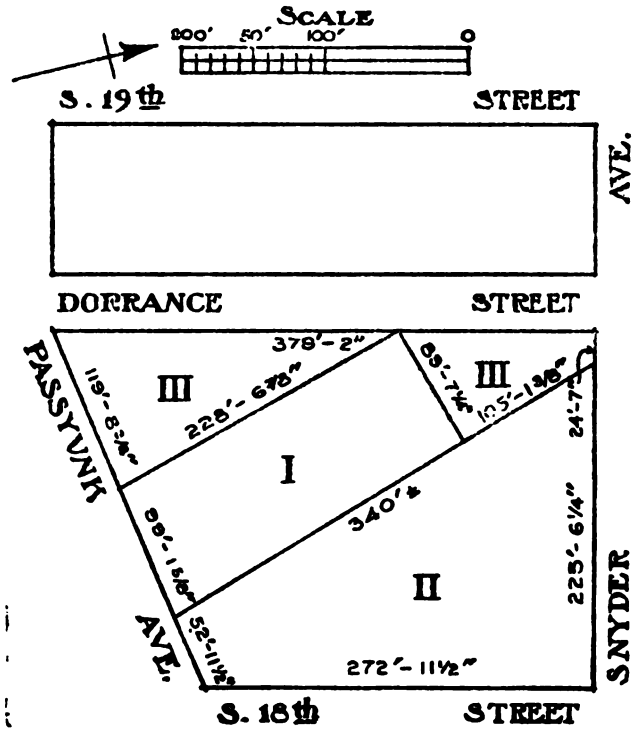
North side of Passyunk Avenue west of Eighteenth Street

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I - Nov. 24th 1860	The Trustees of the Girard School	Donated
II - April 21st 1896	Joseph Leedom and Mary M., his wife	$ 41,680.32
III - July 25th 1911	Burton C. Simon	$ 18,500.00

THE GIRARD SCHOOL

North side of Passyunk Avenue west of Eighteenth Street



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THE SOUTHEAST SCHOOL

Known from 1848 - 1850 as the WAYNE SCHOOL

West side of Front Street south of Pine Street

Three Story Brick Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Brick Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer	
Contractor	
Contract Let	1833
Building Accepted	1834
Contract Price	$ 20,793.00
Extras	
Penalties	
Cost per Class Room	
Cost per Cubic Foot	$ .123
Cubical Contents	168,000 Cu. Ft.
Heated	by Stoves
Number of Class Rooms	*14

REMARKS

*The building was originally under the "Lancasterian" system and contained 3 class rooms, which were subsequently divided into 8, 11 and finally 14 class rooms.

The school was opened February 4th 1834.

The property was sold August 17th 1881, to William W. Jones.

THE SOUTHEAST SCHOOL

Known from 1848 - 1850 as the WAYNE SCHOOL

West side of Front Street south of Pine Street

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

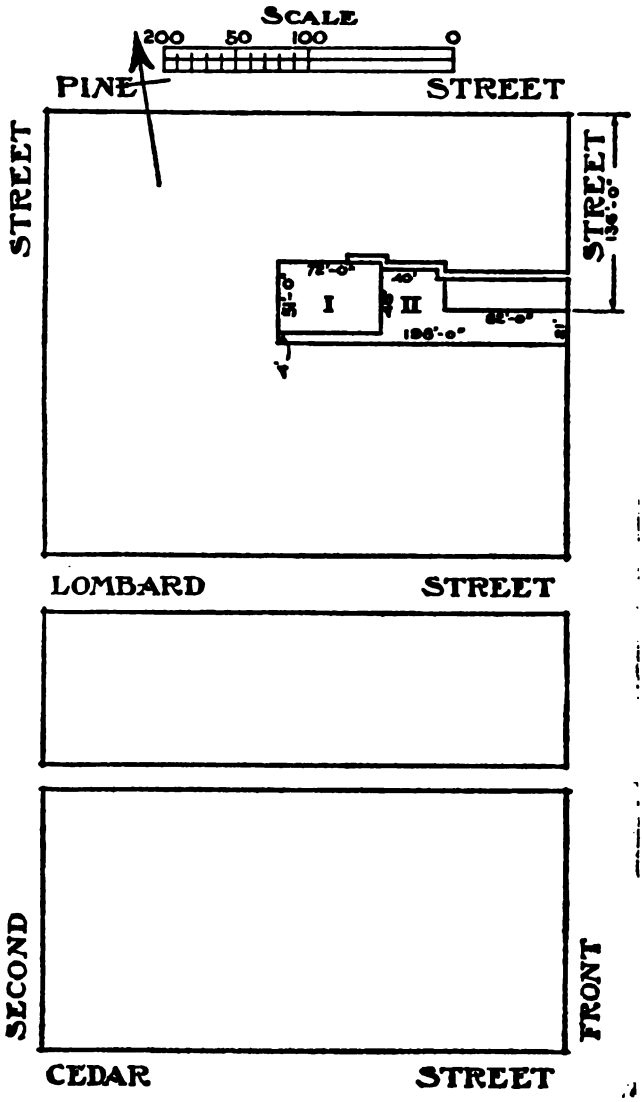
	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I	- Feb. 26th 1833	Clayton Earl and Cornelia, his wife	$ 2,500.00
II	- Feb. 27th 1833	Washington Jackson and Anna M., his wife	$ 2,750.00

The above property was sold August 17th 1881, to William W. Jones.

THE SOUTHEAST SCHOOL

Known from 1848 - 1850 as the WAYNE SCHOOL

West side of Front Street south of Pine Street



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THE SOUTHWESTERN SCHOOL
East side of Twenty-third Street, north of Lombard Street

THE SOUTHWESTERN SCHOOL

Known after 1906 as the ANNA HALLOWELL SCHOOL*

East side of Twenty-third, north of Lombard Street

Three Story Brick Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Brick Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer	
Contractor	
Contract Let	1837
Building Accepted	1838
Contract Price	$ 7,333.33
Extras	
Penalties	
Cost per Class Room	$ 611.11
Cost per Cubic Foot	$ .028
Cubical Contents	257,100 Cu. Ft.
Heated	by Stoves
Number of Class Rooms	12

REMARKS

*During the years 1848 to 1850 the school was known as the HAMILTON, and later as the 23rd STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.

On May 10th 1898 a contract to remodel the building was let for the sum of $ 19,947.

THE SOUTHWESTERN SCHOOL

Known after 1906 as the ANNA HALLOWELL SCHOOL*

East side of Twenty-third, north of Lombard Street

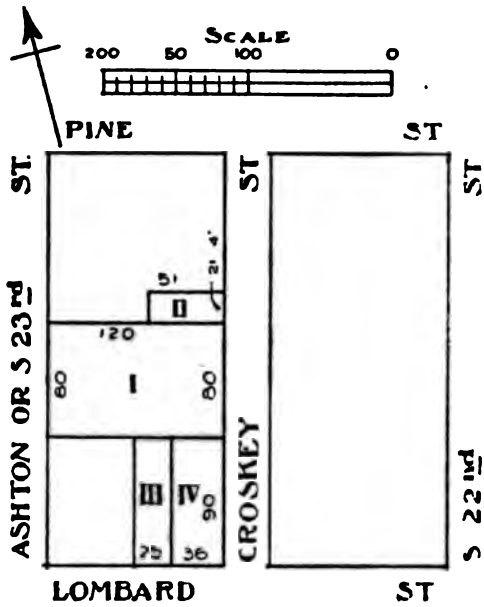
PROPERTY ACQUISITION

	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I	- Aug. 25th 1837	James Kerr and Elizabeth, his wife	$ 5,333.00
II	- Mar. 14th 1900	George Keely	$ 6,000.00
III	- Aug 15th 1904	Pitman M.E. Church	$ 9,840.00
IV	- July 27th 1905	James Knowlan	$ 14,778.38

THE SOUTHWESTERN SCHOOL

Known after 1906 as the ANNA HALLOWELL SCHOOL

East side of Twenty-third, north of Lombard Street



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THE REED STREET SCHOOL
Southeast corner of Second and Reed Streets

THE REED STREET SCHOOL

Known after 1848 as the WECCACOE SCHOOL

Southeast corner of Second and Reed Streets

Three Story Brick Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Brick Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer	
Contractor	
Contract Let	1836
Building Accepted	1836
Contract Price	$ 9,546.80
Extras	
Penalties	
Cost per Class Room	$ 795.56
Cost per Cubic Foot	$ .065
Cubical Contents	145,800 Cu. Ft.
Heated	by Stoves
Number of Class Rooms	12

REMARKS

In 1882 the building was remodeled and stairways added at a cost of $ 5,000.

THE REED STREET SCHOOL

Known after 1848 as the WECCACOE SCHOOL

Southeast corner of Second and Reed Streets

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I - Apr. 12th 1836	William G.Flanagan & Elizabeth M., his wife	Taken on $ 104 Annual Ground Rent

The above ground rent was extinguished September 2nd 1837 for the sum of $ 1,733.33

II - Apr. 12th 1836	Joel Hulings and Sarah, his wife	Taken on $ 20 Ground Rent and $ 200.00

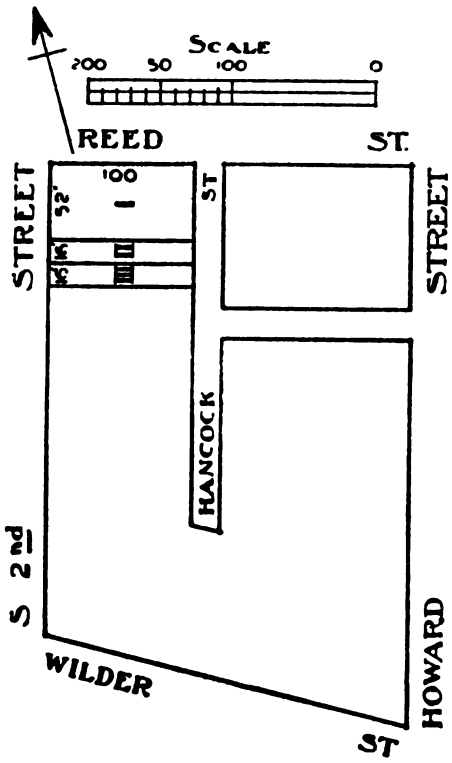
The above ground rent was extinguished January 12th 1838 for the sum of $ 333.33.

III - Aug. 5th 1892	Daniel Kelley and Frances, his wife	$ 6,000.00

THE REED STREET SCHOOL

Known after 1848 as the WECCACOE SCHOOL

Southeast corner of Second and Reed Streets



THE MORRIS SCHOOL

West side of Palmer Street north of Thompson Street

Three Story Brick Building, Wood Construction, Slate Roof, Brick Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer	
Contractor	
Contract Let	1837
Building Accepted	1837
Contract Price	$ 15,964.13
Extras	
Penalties	
Cost per Class Room	$ 997.75
Cost per Cubic Foot	$
Cubical Contents	Cu. Ft.
Heated	by Stoves
Number of Class Rooms	16

REMARKS

The above building was removed in 1892 and the ALEXANDER ADAIRE SCHOOL erected upon the site.

THE MORRIS SCHOOL

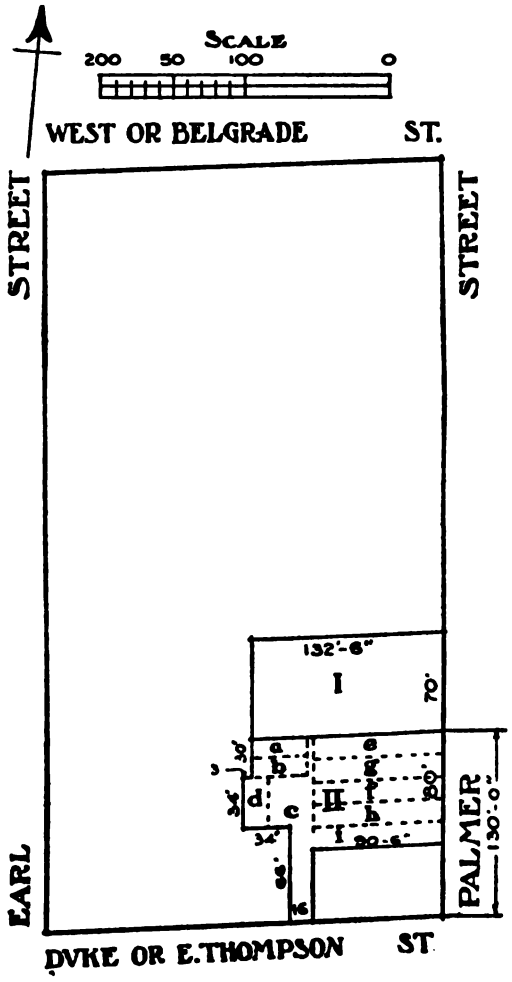
West side of Palmer Street north of Thompson Street

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I	- Jan. 20th 1837	Fishbourn Wharton	$ 1,800.00
II a	- Feb. 2nd 1889	Samuel W. Boyd and Sarah, his wife	$ 1,800.00
II b	- Feb. 4th 1889	Henrietta Schwarz	$ 1,600.00
II c	- Feb. 4th 1889	Hermann Schmidt & Paulina, his wife	$ 6,000.00
II d	- Feb. 4th 1889	Annie E. Slocum	$ 700.00
II e	- Feb 4th 1889	Sarah Ann Tryon	$ 2,100.00
II f	- Feb. 5th 1889	Adam Ritterson and Elvira, his wife	$ 3,200.00
II g	- Feb. 5th 1889	Samuel H. Berryman & Catharine, his wife	$ 2,200.00
II h	- Feb. 7th 1889	Eliza Hymans	$ 2,100.00
II i	- Feb. 8th 1889	Joseph Paxson and Eliza H., his wife	$ 3,000.00

THE MORRIS SCHOOL

West side of Palmer Street north of Thompson Street



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THE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
East side of Juniper Street, south of Market Street

THE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

East side of Juniper Street south of Market Street

Three Story Brick & Marble Building, Stone Trimmings, Wood Construction, Tin Roof. Gravel & Brick Yard Paving, Brick Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer .....
Contractor .....
Contract Let 1837
Building Accepted ..... October 21st 1838
Contract Price (Including Furniture) ..... $ 51,597.59
Extras .....
Penalties .....
Cost per Class Room .....
Cost per Cubic Foot ..... $.
Cubical Contents ..... Cu. Ft.
Heated ..... by Stoves

Number of Class Rooms *9

REMARKS

*In addition to the three class rooms in the main building, there were three rooms in each of the two wings on the east end of the building it being "T" shape in plan. The playground was on the south side. The Principal occupied the first floor room of the north wing. The astronomical observatory was placed over the intersection of the wings and main building.

The corner stone was laid September 19th 1837 and the school opened October 26th 1838.

The property was sold January 13th 1853, to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for $ 45,000., the school organization being transferred to the Model School on Chester Street in April 1854 where it remained until the opening of the new building on the southeast corner of Broad and Green Streets in the latter part of that year.

THE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

East side of Juniper Street south of Market Street

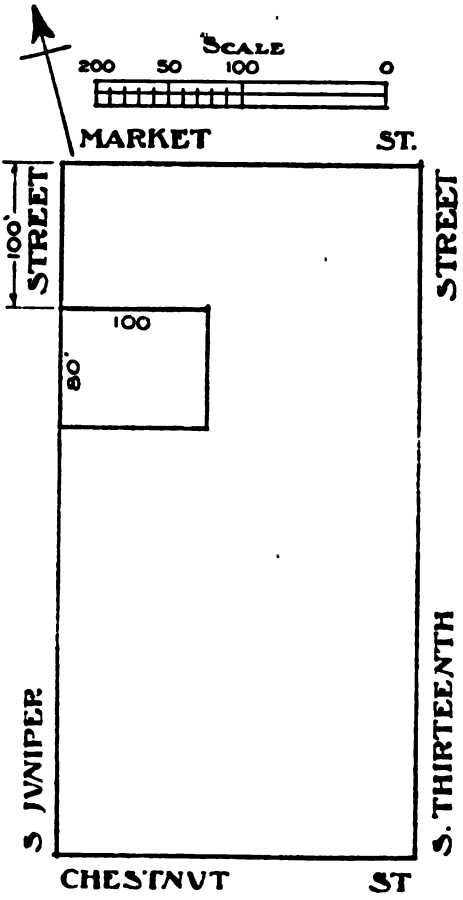
PROPERTY ACQUISITION

	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I	- July 25th 1837	William M. Meredith	$ 18,000.00

The property was sold January 13th 1853, to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for $ 45,000.

THE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

East side of Juniper Street south of Market Street



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THE NEW MARKET STREET SCHOOL
East side of New Market Street, north of Noble Street

THE NEW MARKET STREET SCHOOL

Known after 1848 as the JAMES MADISON SCHOOL

East side of New Market Street north of Noble Street

Three Story Brick Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Brick Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer	
Contractor	
Contract Let	1837
Building Accepted	1837
Contract Price	$ 19,586.00
Extras	
Penalties	
Cost per Class Room	$ 1,305.73
Cost per Cubic Foot	$ .081
Cubical Contents	241,290 Cu. Ft.
Heated	by Stoves
Number of Class Rooms	*15

REMARKS

*The building was altered in 1845 at a cost of $ 1,870, and in 1891 was completely remodeled at a cost of $ 20,500. The number of class rooms being reduced to 12 owing to their being enlarged.

The property was sold August 28th 1912 to the Eastern Real Estate Company for the sum of $ 20,000.

THE NEW MARKET STREET SCHOOL

Known after 1848 as the JAMES MADISON SCHOOL

East side of New Market Street north of Noble Street

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

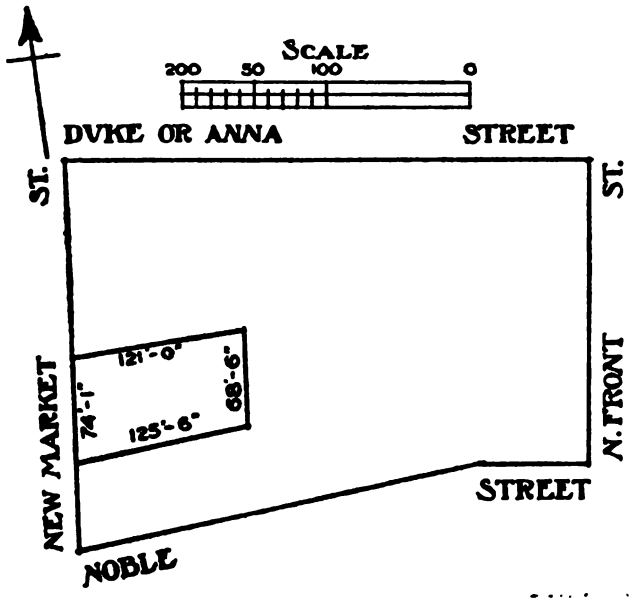
	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I	June 6th 1837	Samuel H. Crawford	$ 7,400.00

The above property was sold August 28th 1912 to the Eastern Real Estate Company, for $ 20,000.

THE NEW MARKET STREET SCHOOL

Known after 1848 as the JAMES MADISON SCHOOL

East side of New Market Street north of Noble Street



*THE NORTHEASTERN SCHOOL

Known from 1848 - 1850 as the FULTON SCHOOL

South side of New Street west of Front Street

Brick Building, Wood Construction, BrickYard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer .....
Contractor .....
Contract Let.....†
Date of Acquisition.....1838
Contract Price.....
Extras .....
Penalties .....
Cost per Class Room.....
Cost per Cubic Foot..... $....
Cubical Contents..... Cu. Ft.
Heated .....by Stoves

Number of Class Rooms .....‡

REMARKS

*The above building was the North Meeting House of the Society of Friends, and was purchased by the Controllers December 30th 1837 for $ 18,000, but owing to an error in reference to the title, a second deed was drawn July 6th 1838, calling for an additional consideration of $ 4,500.

†Watson, in his "Annals", gives 1789 as the date of the erection of this Meeting House; that the date should be later is the belief of later authorities.

‡The building was altered by the Controllers into a 15 class room school.

The building was completely destroyed, together with all other buildings in the block, in the great fire of July 9th 1850, and was replaced in 1851 by a new building, also known as the NORTHEAST SCHOOL.

*THE NORTHEASTERN SCHOOL

Known from 1848 - 1850 as the FULTON SCHOOL

South side of New Street west of Front Street

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I a	Dec. 30th 1837	John Paul, et. al.	$ 18,000.00
I b	July 6th 1838	The Trustees of the Monthly Meeting of Friends for the Northern District	$ 4,500.00

The above building was the North Meeting House of the Society of Friends, and was purchased by the Controllers December 30th 1837 for $ 18,000, but owing to an error in reference to the title, a second deed was drawn July 6th 1838, calling for an additional consideration of $ 4,500.

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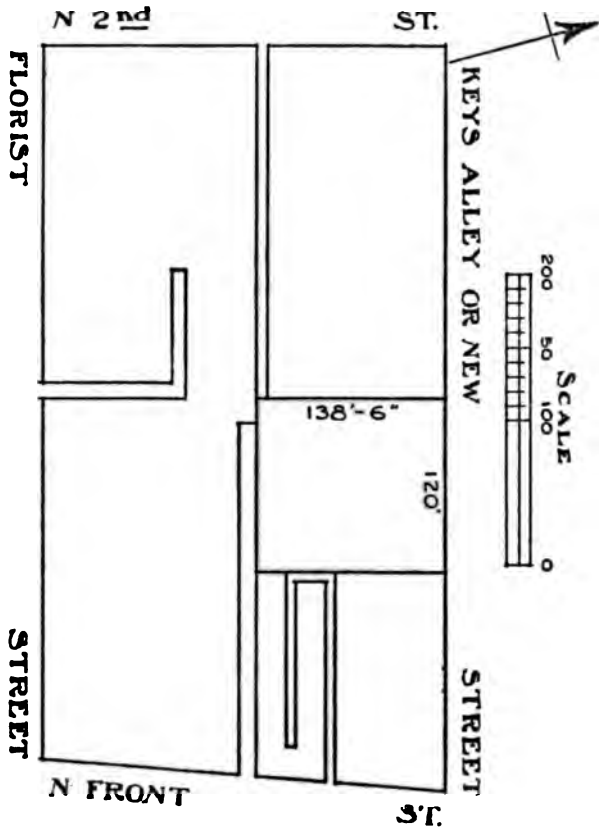
South side of New Street west of Front Street



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THE ZANE STREET SCHOOL

North side of Zane Street, west of Seventh Street

*THE ZANE STREET SCHOOL

Known from 1848 to 1850 as the WASHINGTON SCHOOL

North side of Zane Street west of Seventh Street

Three Story Brick Building, Wood Construction, Tin Roof, Brick Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer	
Contractor	
Contract Let	1840
Building Accepted	April 1841
Contract Price	$ 20,952.20
Extras	
Penalties	
Cost per Class Room	$ 1,396.14
Cost per Cubic Foot	$ .081
Cubical Contents	221,500 Cu. Ft.
Heated	by Stoves
Number of Class Rooms	15

REMARKS

*The building became known as the FILBERT STREET SCHOOL when Zane Street received that name. In 1875 the building being vacant, a contract of $ 5,842 was let to C. P. Westerhard to fit it up for the Offices of the Board, who were then able to give up their rented quarters in the Athenæum Building at 6th and Adelphia Streets.

In July 1899 the Secretary and Departments of Superintendence were moved to the City Hall, and the building used by the Supply Department, who occupied it until September 1902, when the Department was transferred to the old Normal School building on Sergeant Street, and the premises turned over to the City.

The property was sold October 20th 1911 to Samuel D., and Jacob D. Lit for $ 38,000, subject to the annual ground rent of $ 720.

THE ZANE STREET SCHOOL

Known from 1848 to 1850 as the WASHINGTON SCHOOL

North side of Zane Street west of Seventh Street

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I	July 9th 1840	Edward B. Jones	Taken on $ 720 gr'nd rent & $ 8,000.00

The property was sold October 20th 1911 to Samuel D., and Jacob D. Lit for $ 38,000, subject to the annual ground rent of $ 720.

THE ZANE STREET SCHOOL

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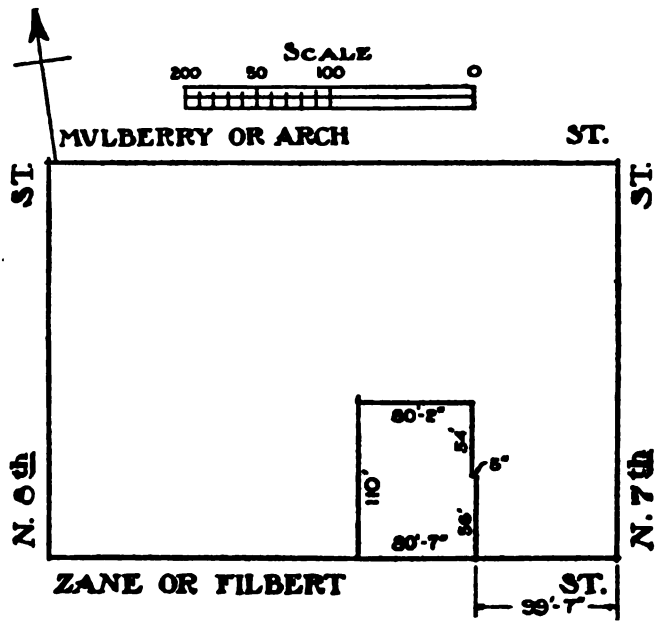
North side of Zane Street west of Seventh Street



THE BLOCKLEY SCHOOL

Known later as the BELMONT SCHOOL

West side of Meeting House Lane, south of Lancaster Turnpike

One Story Brick Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Sod Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer .....
Contractor .....
Contract Let ..... *
Date of Acquisition 1842
Contract Price .....
Extras .....
Penalties .....
Cost per Class Room .....
Cost per Cubic Foot ..... $ ....
Cubical Contents ..... Cu. Ft.
Heated ..... by Stoves

Number of Class Rooms 1

REMARKS

*The lot of ground upon which the above building stood was conveyed to a Board of Trustees, January 8th 1831, by Thomas Hunter and Elizabeth, his wife, to have a school building erected thereon, and to be known as the Blockley School. It was probably built during that or the next year with money obtained by public subscription.

The property was purchased by the Controllers, April 4th 1842 from the Trustees, for $ 575.00.

The building and entire lot of ground, lying directly in the bed of the proposed Paschall Street, was taken over by the City upon the opening of that street about 1868.

THE BLOCKLEY SCHOOL

Known later as the BELMONT SCHOOL

West side of Meeting House Lane, south of Lancaster Turnpike

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I	April 4th 1842	The Trustees of the Blockley School	$ 575.00

The building and entire lot of ground, lying directly in the bed of the proposed Paschall Street, was taken over by the City upon the opening of that street about 1868.

THE BLOCKLEY SCHOOL

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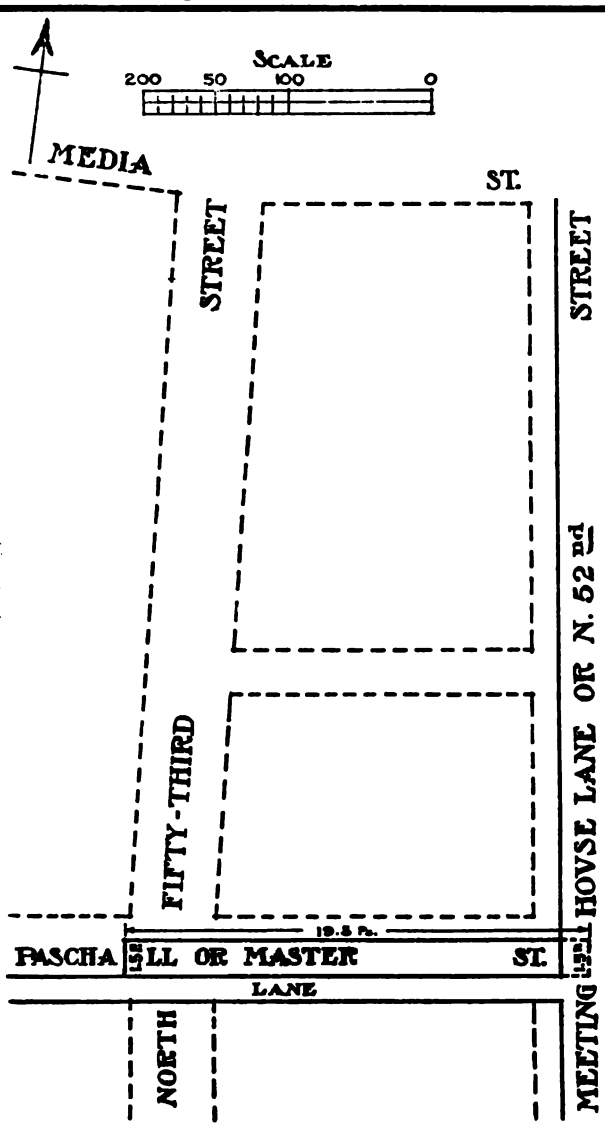

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THE BARTON SCHOOL

Known also as the GOOSETOWN SCHOOL

Northwest corner of Frankford Road and Buckius Street

Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Sod Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer .....
Contractor .....
Contract Let .....
Date of Acquisition 1842
Contract Price .....
Extras .....
Penalties .....
Cost per Class Room .....
Cost per Cubic Foot ..... $....
Cubical Contents ..... Cu. Ft.
Heated ..... by Stoves

Number of Class Rooms 2

REMARKS

The above building was removed in 1861 and another school of the same name erected upon the site.

THE BARTON SCHOOL

Known also as the GOOSETOWN SCHOOL

Northwest corner of Frankford Road and Buckius Street

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I	- April 18th 1842	Peter Buckius	$ 1,100.00

THE BARTON SCHOOL

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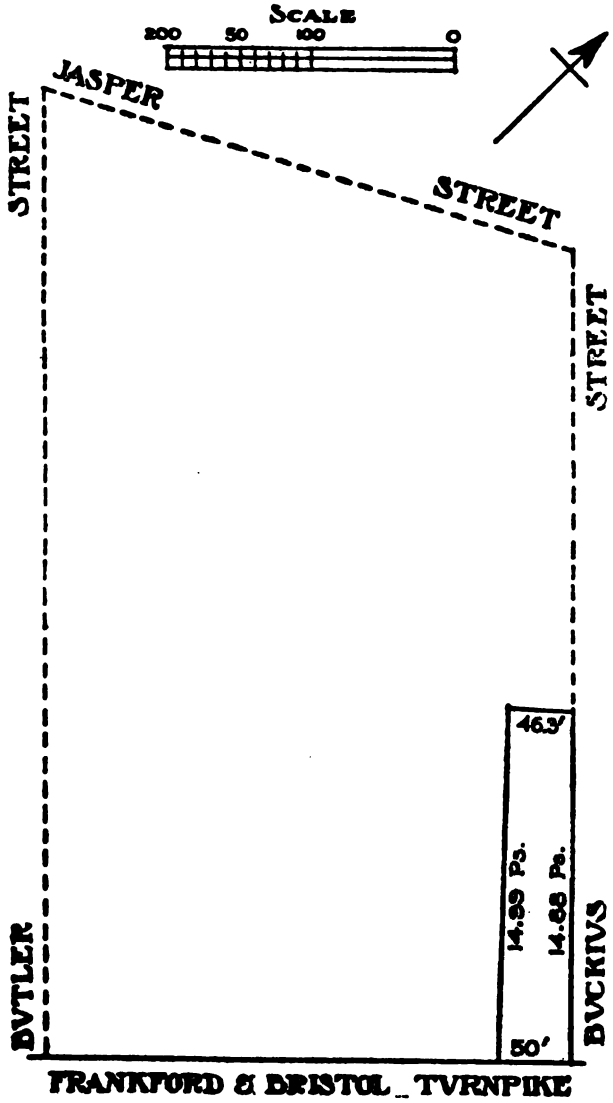
Northwest corner of Frankford Road and Buckius Street



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THE FRANKFORD SCHOOL
Northwest corner of Sellers and Franklin Streets

THE FRANKFORD SCHOOL

Known after 1848 as the MARSHALL SCHOOL

Northwest corner of Sellers and Franklin Streets

Three Story Brick Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Sod Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer	
Contractor	Jacob Lesher
Contract Let	1842
Building Accepted	September 1842
Contract Price	$ 6,500.00
Extras	
Penalties	
Cost per Class Room	$ 812.50
Cost per Cubic Foot	$ .046
Cubical Contents	140,000 Cu. Ft.
Heated	by Stoves
Number of Class Rooms	*8

REMARKS

*The building originally containing 8 class rooms was altered first into 10, and finally 12 class rooms.

The building was removed in 1909 and the JOHN MARSHALL SCHOOL erected upon the site.

THE FRANKFORD SCHOOL

Known after 1848 as the MARSHALL SCHOOL

Northwest corner of Sellers and Franklin Streets

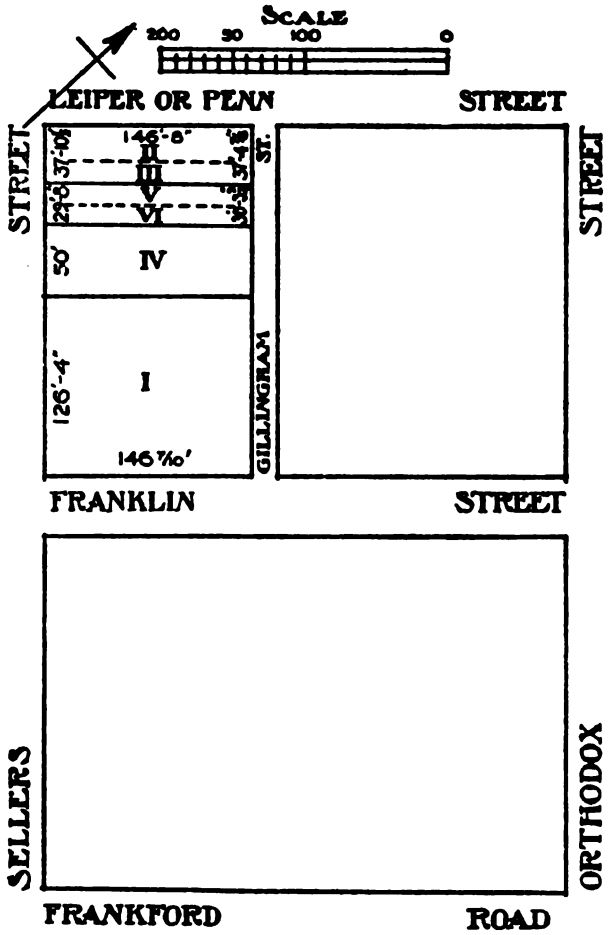
PROPERTY ACQUISITION

	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I	- Sept. 14th 1841	Samuel Wakeling & Mary Amanda, his wife	$ 750.00
II	- July 13th 1906	Fre'ck S.Peterson, et.al	$ 2,750.00
III	- July 13th 1906	Fre'ck S.Peterson, et.al	$ 2,000.00
IV	- July 23rd 1906	Sarah A. Smith	$ 5,500.00
V	- Jan. 15th 1907	Geo.F.Martin, et.al.	$ 2,350.00
VI	- Mch. 19th 1907	Ellen N. Maloney	$ 2,750.00

THE FRANKFORD SCHOOL

Known after 1848 as the MARSHALL SCHOOL

Northwest corner of Sellers and Franklin Streets



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THE FRANKLIN SCHOOL
Northwest side of Province Island Road, south of Beggartown Road

THE FRANKLIN SCHOOL

Known from 1913 as the GENERAL HECTOR TYNDALE SCHOOL

Northwest side of Province Island Road south of Beggartown Road

2½ Story Brick Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Sod Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer	
Contractor	
Contract Let	1842
Building Accepted	1843
Contract Price	$2,467.72
Extras	
Penalties	
Cost per Class Room	$ 1,233.86
Cost per Cubic Foot	$ .146
Cubical Contents	16,800 Cu. Ft.
Heated	by Stoves
Number of Class Rooms	2

REMARKS

In 1894 a contract of $ 4,391 was awarded for the erection of a 2½ story brick addition, containing 2 class rooms, to the front of the building. Upon the completion of the addition one of the rooms of the rear or original building was altered for the janitor's use.

THE FRANKLIN SCHOOL

Known from 1913 as the GENERAL HECTOR TYNDALE SCHOOL

Northwest side of Province Island Road south of Beggartown Road

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I	- Aug. 13th 1842	Susanna Sheller	$ 500.00

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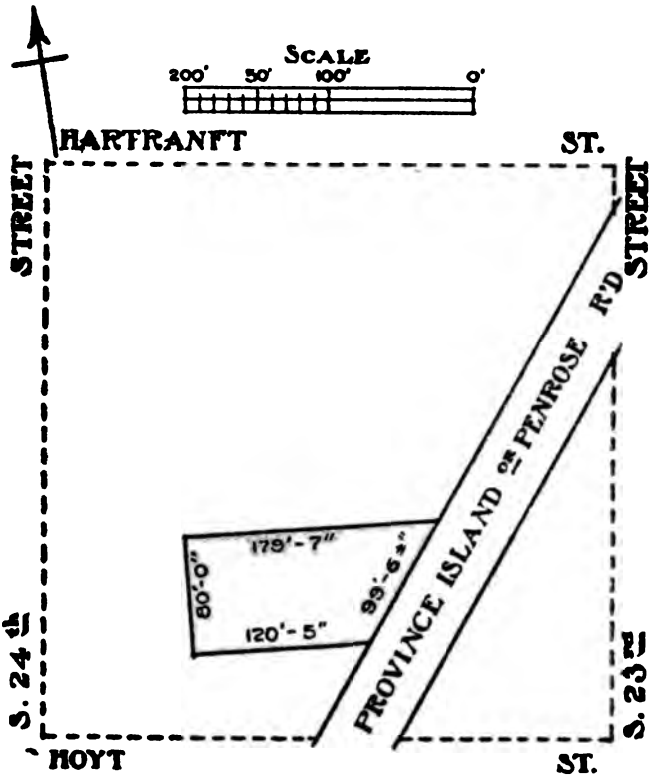

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THE COATES STREET SCHOOL
North side of Coates Street, west of Twelfth Street

THE COATES STREET SCHOOL

Known after 1848 as the HANCOCK SCHOOL

North side of Coates St. (Fairmount Ave.) west of Twelfth St.

Three Story Brick Building, Wood Construction, Tin Roof, Brick Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer	
Contractor	
Contract Let	1842
Building Accepted	1842
Contract Price	$ 22,631.63
Extras	
Penalties	
Cost per Class Room	$ 1,508.77
Cost per Cubic Foot	$ .100
Cubical Contents	225,000 Cu. Ft.
Heated	by Stoves
Number of Class Rooms	15

REMARKS

The corner stone was laid March 3rd 1842, and the dedication exercises held August 29th of that year.

The building suffered considerably in the great storm of July 14 1849, and was damaged by fire December 10th 1872.

ADDITION

October 10th 1867 a contract was let to Philip H. Somerset for $ 12,280 for a 6 class room, brown stone addition to the front, or the south end. The above price does not include extras amounting to $ 650, nor the Architect's fee of $ 368.40.

The building was removed in 1902 and a new school building of the same name erected upon the site.

THE COATES STREET SCHOOL

Known after 1848 as the HANCOCK SCHOOL

North side of Coates St. (Fairmount Ave.) west of Twelfth St.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I	- Sept. 13th 1841	Edward B. Garrigues	$ 6,641.67

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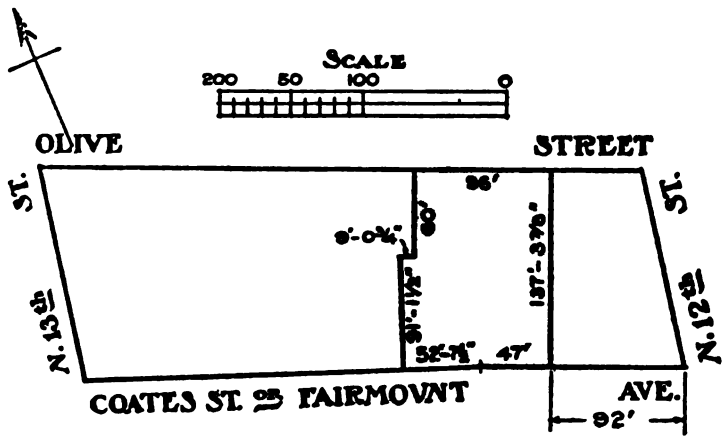


THE WEST PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL

Known after 1867 as the NEWTON SCHOOL

South side of Chestnut Street east of Thirty-sixth Street

Three Story Brick Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Brick Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer	
Contractor	
Contract Let	1842
Building Accepted	1842
Contract Price	$ 13,471.23
Extras	
Penalties	
Cost per Class Room	$898.08
Cost per Cubic Foot	$ .122
Cubical Contents	110,000 Cu. Ft.
Heated	by Stoves
Number of Class Rooms	*15

REMARKS

* The building, originally containing 6 class rooms, was subsequently altered into a 9 and finally a 15 class room school.

In 1886 a contract of $ 26,987 was awarded to Charles O'Neill for a 2 story brick annex building. containing 8 class rooms, at the rear, or Sansom Street end of the lot.

The building was removed in 1891 and the NEWTON BOYS SCHOOL erected upon the site, the Sansom Street building remaining as an annex to the newer building.

THE WEST PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL

Known after 1867 as the NEWTON SCHOOL

South side of Chestnut Street east of Thirty-sixth Street

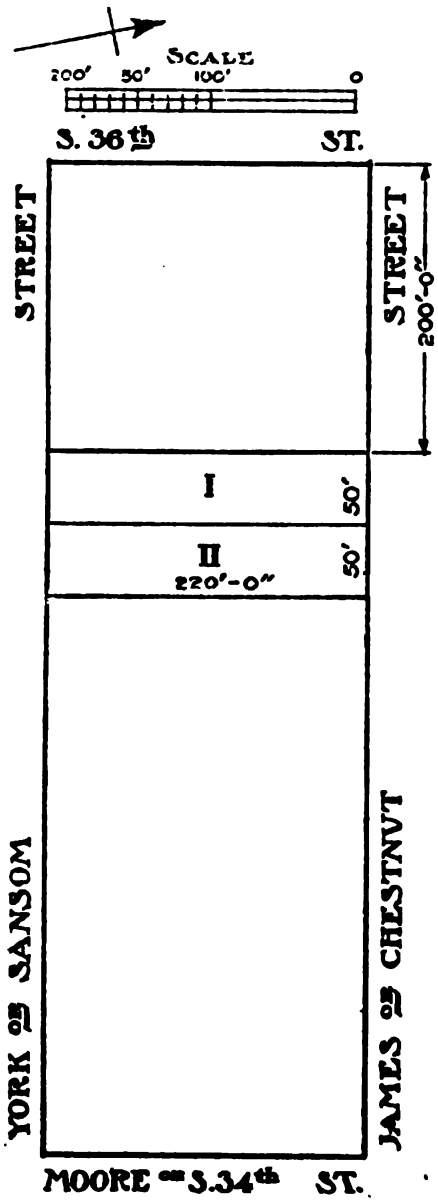
PROPERTY ACQUISITION

	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I	- Sept. 13th 1841	Hugh McIlvain	$ 1,000.00
II	- Sept. 13th 1841	James McIlvain, Jr. & Rebecca B., his wife	$ 1,000.00

THE WEST PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL

Known after 1867 as the NEWTON SCHOOL

South side of Chestnut Street east of Thirty-sixth Street



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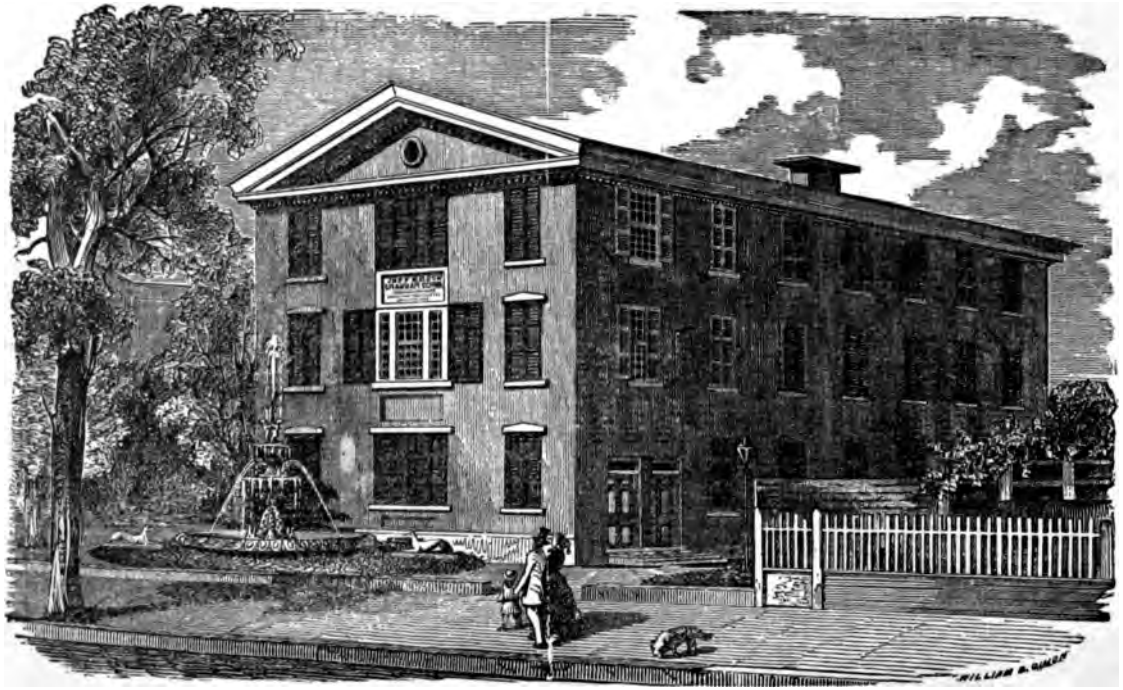

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THE JEFFERSON SCHOOL
West Side of Fifth Street, north of Poplar Street

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THE JEFFERSON SCHOOL
West Side of Fifth Street, north of Poplar Street

THE JEFFERSON SCHOOL

Known from 1913 as the THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL

West side of Fifth Street north of Poplar Street

Three Story Brick Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Sod and Brick Yard, and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer	
Contractor	
Contract Let	1842
Building Accepted	1843
Contract Price	$ 17,252.03
Extras	
Penalties	
Cost per Class Room	$ 1,150.13
Cost per Cubic Foot	$ .089
Cubical Contents	191,880 Cu. Ft.
Heated	by Stoves
Number of Class Rooms	*15

REMARKS

* The building was one of the last planned on the "Lancasterian" system of one class room on each floor, it was later altered into a 15 class room school.

ADDITION

May 28th 1873 - A brown stone addition in front containing 7 class rooms, at a cost of $ 20,208.

THE JEFFERSON SCHOOL

Known from 1913 as the THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL

West side of Fifth Street north of Poplar Street

I	- Aug. 20th 1841	Oliver Parry and Rachel R., his wife	$ 2,929.16
II	- Aug. 20th 1841	Julianna Randolph	$ 2,929.16
III	- Sept. 27th 1841	Adam Metz	$ 800 & $ 76 Annual Ground Rent

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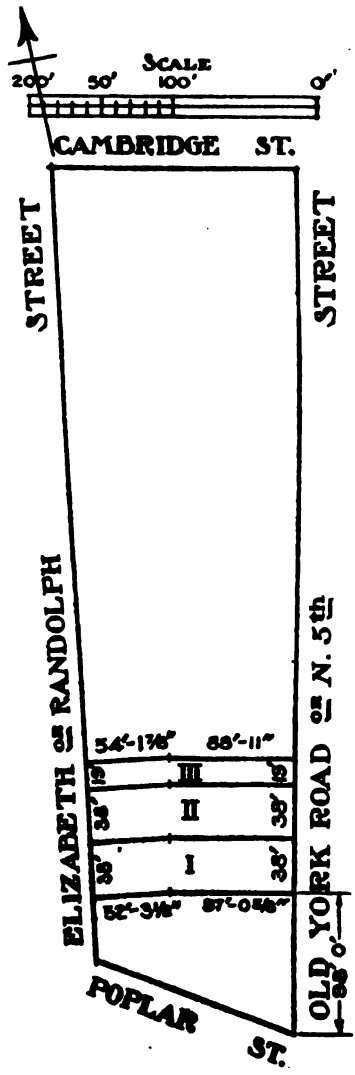

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THE RITTENHOUSE SCHOOL

Southeast side of West Rittenhouse Street, southwest of Main Street

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THE RITTENHOUSE SCHOOL

Southeast side of West Rittenhouse Street, southwest of Main Street

THE RITTENHOUSE SCHOOL

Known from 1901 as the JOSEPH E. HILL SCHOOL

Southeast side of West Rittenhouse St. southwest of Main St.

Three Story Stone Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Sod & Brick Yard, & Brick Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets. Stone Trimmings.

Designer	
Contractor	
Contract Let	1843
Building Accepted	September 1844
Contract Price	$ 19,796.00
Extras	
Penalties	
Cost per Class Room	$ 1,649.66
Cost per Cubic Foot	$ .096
Cubical Contents	204,990 Cu. Ft.
Heated	by Stoves
Number of Class Rooms	*12

REMARKS

This school which had been known up until February 12th 1901 as the Rittenhouse School, took on that date the name of the JOSEPH E. HILL SCHOOL, a name given in 1892 to a rented building on Price Street; and used until that time for coloured children who were then transferred to the Rittenhouse School.

ADDITIONS

June 25th 1861 - General Alterations at a cost of $ 3,149.00

* May 28th 1907 - Completely Remodeled at a cost of $ 30,274.00 the class rooms being enlarged in size and reduced to 8 in number.

THE RITTENHOUSE SCHOOL

Known from 1901 as the JOSEPH E. HILL SCHOOL

Southeast side of West Rittenhouse St. southwest of Main St.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I	- May 11th 1843	John W. Harmer, & Maria L., his wife	Taken on $50 Annual Ground Rent

THE RITTENHOUSE SCHOOL

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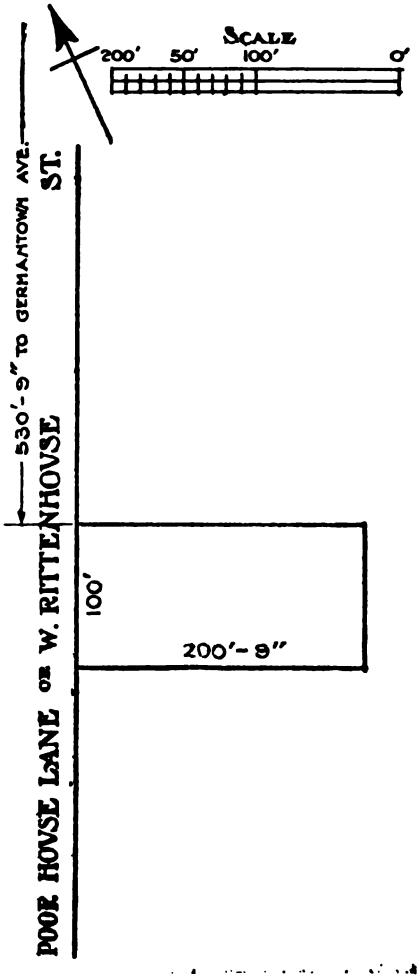
Southeast side of West Rittenhouse St. southwest of Main St.



THE CAMAC STREET SCHOOL

Southwest corner of Ninth and Camac Streets

Two Story Brick Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Sod Yard, and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer	
Contractor	
Contract Let	1844
Building Accepted	1844
Contract Price	$ 8,487.22
Extras	
Penalties	
Cost per Class Room	$ 2,121.80
Cost per Cubic Foot	$.
Cubical Contents	Cu. Ft.
Heated	by Stoves
Number of Class Rooms	*4

REMARKS

* Only two of the four class rooms were ever used.

In 1845, less than a year after the school opened, it was completely destroyed by fire. The location, adjoining the Reading Railroad was considered unfavorable for school purposes, the building was not rebuilt. In 1845 a lot on Seventh Street near Camac Street was purchased with the insurance money, and the building thereon erected altered into a 4 class room school; the 9th and Camac Streets lot remaining idle until October 12th 1852 when it was sold to Thomas Shipley for the sum of $ 575, subject to the annual ground rent of $ 154.

THE CAMAC STREET SCHOOL

Southwest corner of Ninth and Camac Streets

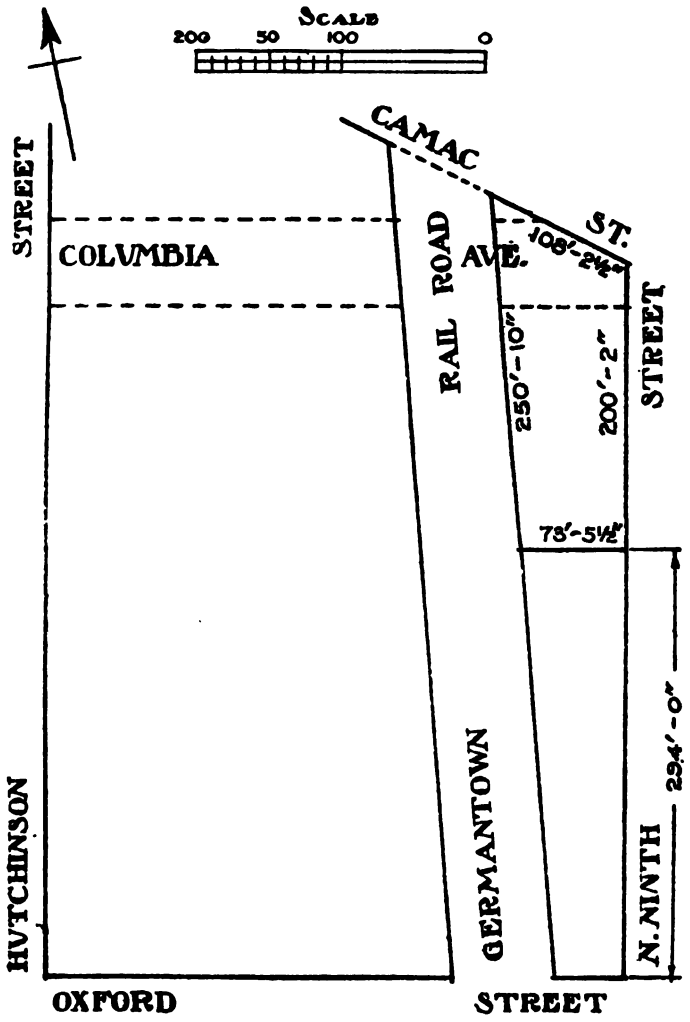
PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I - Nov. 8th 1842	James Markoe, and Elizabeth B. Camac	Taken on $ 154 Annual Ground Rent

The above property was sold October 12th 1852 to Thomas Shipley, in consideration of tne sum of $ 575; subject to the ground rent of $ 154.

THE CAMAC STREET SCHOOL

Southwest corner of Ninth and Camac Streets



THE MANAYUNK SCHOOL

Known from 1848 to 1850 as the THOMPSON SCHOOL

South side of Green Lane west of Silverwood Street

Three Story Brick Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Sod Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer	
Contractor	
Contract Let	December 1844
Building Accepted	November 1845
Contract Price	$ 8,845.10
Extras	
Penalties	
Cost per Class Room	$ 982.79
Cost per Cubic Foot	$
Cubical Contents	Cu. Ft.
Heated	by Stoves
Number of Class Rooms	*9

REMARKS

* The number of class rooms was later increased to twelve.

In 1876 the building was removed and the GREEN LANE SCHOOL erected upon the site.

THE MANAYUNK SCHOOL

Known from 1848 to 1850 as the THOMPSON SCHOOL

South side of Green Lane west of Silverwood Street

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I - May 1st 1845	Joseph H. Hoffman & Hannah, his wife	Taken on $ 108 Annual Ground Rent.

The above ground rent was extinguished November 30th 1900 for the sum of $ 1,800.

II - Feb. 3rd 1876	Abraham Shinkle & Mary Ann, his wife	$	200.00

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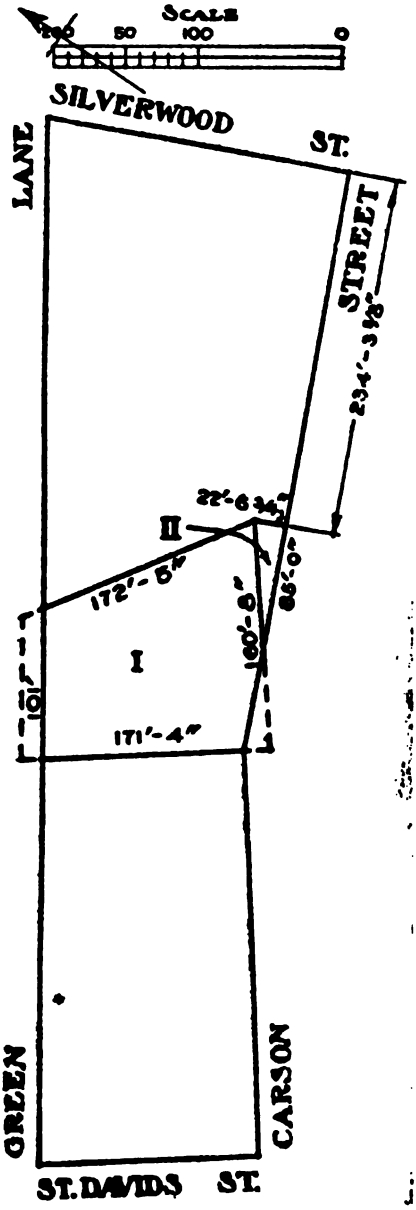


THE LANDRETH SCHOOL

Southeast corner of Twenty-third and Federal Streets

Brick Building, Wood Construction, Shingle Roof, Sod Yard and Sidewalk Paving. Detached Unheated Toilets.

Designer .....
Contractor .....
Contract Let .....
Date of Acquisition 1845
Contract Price.....
Extras .....
Penalties .....
Cost per Class Room.....
Cost per Cubic Foot.....$
Cubical Contents..... Cu. Ft.
Heated .....by Stoves

Number of Class Rooms 2

REMARKS

The above building, originally the residence of David M. Landreth, was purchased by the Controllers June 28th 1845, and altered into a two class room school at a cost of $ 2,028.25.

The building was destroyed by fire in 1865, and a new school was erected upon the site, also known as the Landreth School.

THE LANDRETH SCHOOL

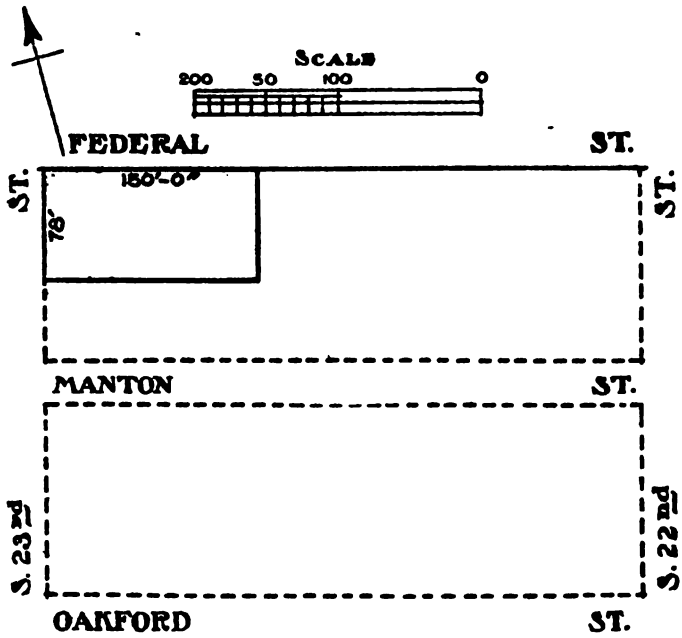
Southeast corner of Twenty-third and Federal Streets

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

	Date of Deed	Grantor	Consideration
I	June 28th 1845	David Landreth	Taken on $ 120 Annual Ground Rent

THE LANDRETH SCHOOL

Southeast corner of Twenty-third and Federal Streets



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